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NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Delegations

Subject: Partial Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on
Foreign Affairs held in Brussels on 3 March 2014
- Items 1 to 3 and 5 to 12

The meeting was chaired by Mr BROK (EPP, DE) and Mr PASCU (S&D, RO).

Item 1 on the agenda

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Item 2 on the agenda

Chair's announcements

The Chair thanked Mr GAHLER (EPP, DE), president of the EP delegation to the Pan-African Parliament, for having accepted that the item on the preparations for the Parliamentary EU/Africa Summit on 31 March be postponed to allow for the inclusion of a new item 4 on Ukraine in the latest version of the agenda.

Item 3 on the agenda

Approval of minutes of meeting of 16 January 2014

The minutes were approved.

Item 4 on the agenda

Exchange of views with Mr TARASYUK, Special Envoy of the Ukrainian government on Crimea

Mr TARASYUK gave assurances that the Ukrainian authorities were doing their best to maintain peace and had ordered their forces not to shoot nor to respond to provocation. He called for the signature of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and for an EU decision to establish a police monitoring mission. He indicated that the British Foreign Minister and then John KERRY would go to Kiev in the next few days. Replying to Mr DUFF (UK, ALDE) and Mr SCHULZ (Greens/EFA, DE), he said that the Ukrainian parliament had planned to vote on 4 March on Ukraine joining NATO. Finally, he drew from previous experience with the Soviet Union that Russia would not be satisfied until it had control over the whole of Ukraine.

Item 5 on the agenda

Exchange of views with Mr MINGARELLI, EEAS Managing Director for the Middle East and Southern Neighbourhood, on the situation in Libya

Mr MINGARELLI explained that Libya was going through a difficult political transition because of the absence of both a political apparatus and a stable public administration. To him, that vacuum had led to alarming insecurity, as militias were fighting for resources and power through crime and systematic pressure on legislation. Mr MINGARELLI indicated that the national congress was both fighting internally and constantly attacking the government. Replying to Mr ATKINS (ECR, UK) and Mr MILLAN MON (EPP, ES) on the loss of control with the loss of a dictator, Mr MINGARELLI explained that Libyans desired law and order rather than a new dictatorship.

With regard to what should be done, Mr MINGARELLI stressed the need for the constitutional assembly to start its work quickly, but not all posts had been filled in and therefore some could attack the constitutional assembly for lack of legitimacy. Mr MINGARELLI noted the importance of an inclusive political dialogue and commended the EU for having sent join-up messages to all political forces. He said that human rights issues also needed to be addressed. He also referred to preparatory talks having started to re-launch negotiations on a framework agreement. Finally, Mr MINGARELLI underlined the importance of disarmament, demobilisation and re-integration. He noted the support provided by EUBAM on border control and by the EU and the international community on training the police and the army.

Replying to Mr WATSON (ALDE, UK), Mr MINGARELLI indicated that the EU had committed to paying EUR 130 million since the end of the conflict to help reforming the police and justice and developing civil society. But he stressed the difficulty of carrying out projects due the absence of a stable administration as interlocutor.

Replying to Mr MILLAN MON (EPP, ES) and Mr WATSON (ALDE, UK) on the issue of coordination between EU Member States and on resources, Mr MINGARELLI admitted that significant efforts were being made to achieve coordination between the Member States, which was not easy due to the competition between them for contracts in the areas of oil and gas.

Mr KREISSL-DÖRFLER (S&D, DE) wondered whether the EU could maintain its support to Libya. Mr MINGARELLI replied that if Libya did not remain at the top of EU's agenda, EU would eventually have to bear consequences such as terrorism or illegal immigration.

Mr MINGARELLI hoped that the ministerial meeting due on 6 March in Rome would help launch the political transition, notably through a better division of labour among the international community.

Item 6 on the agenda

Debriefing by Mr LEFFLER, Managing Director for the Americas, on the state of play in negotiations for a Political Dialogue and Co-operation Agreement with Cuba and other developments in Latin America

This item was postponed due to lack of time.

***** Voting time *****

Item 7 on the agenda

2013 progress report on Turkey

AFET/7/14495

Rapporteur: Ms OOMEN-RUIJTEN (EPP, NL)

- Adoption of draft report

The draft report was approved, with 36 votes in favour, 8 against and 5 abstentions.

Item 8 on the agenda

Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the EEAS on the use of broadcasting media as a tool of EU diplomacy

AFET/7/13742

Rapporteur: Sir Graham WATSON (ALDE, UK)

- Adoption of draft report

The Rapporteur indicated that the groups had agreed another title for the report, i.e., "Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the EEAS on the role of broadcasting media in projecting the European Union and its values". The Chair agreed to seek the approval of that new title by the Conference of Presidents.

The draft report was approved, with 37 votes in favour, 4 against and 1 abstentions.

Item 9 on the agenda

Assessing and setting priorities for EU relations with the Eastern partnership countries

AFET/7/13300

Rapporteur: Mr KOWAL (ECR, PL)

- Adoption of draft opinion

The draft opinion was approved, with 36 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Item 10 on the agenda

Conclusion of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder

AFET/7/14513

Rapporteur: Mr TARAND (Greens/EFA, EE)

Rapporteur for the responsible committee (ENVI): Mr URUTCHEV (EPP, BU)

- Adoption of draft opinion

The draft opinion was approved, with 34 votes in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

***** End of vote *****

Item 11 on the agenda

Any other business

There was no other business.

Item 12 on the agenda

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 and 18 March 2014.
