

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

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The Sub-Committee on the Middle East (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Rhodes (Greece) on 11 and 12 June 2008, with Mr Pavlidis (Greece, EPP/CD) and Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC) in the Chair:

. took part in the launch meeting of the Tripartite Forum on the Middle East devoted to the *Human rights and effective democracy including confidence-building measures and concrete fields of co-operation*, with the participation of:

- **Parliamentarians from the Knesset:**

- . Mr Ran Cohen
- . Mrs Amira Dotan
- . Mr Michael Eitan
- . Mrs Marina Solodkin

- **Parliamentarians from the Palestinian Legislative Council:**

- . Mr Abdullah Abdullah, Chair of the Political Committee
- . Mrs Najat Alastal
- . Mr Mohammed K. Allahham
- . Mr Rahim Abdul Barham
- . Mr Fuad Kokaly

- **ad hoc Committee of the Bureau** to participate in the Forum composed of the Chairpersons (or their representatives) of the five political groups and of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights; the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development; the Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs; the Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs and the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men;

. and decided to report back to the Political Affairs Committee to inform its members of the outcome of this Tripartite Forum and on the future steps to be undertaken.

- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** left it to the Chair to convene its next meeting.

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