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**1<sup>st</sup> Standing Committee on Political and Security related Cooperation**

“Political and security developments in the MENA region.”

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Recalling* the many lasting political, military and humanitarian crises affecting the Mediterranean region, namely the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the war in Syria, and the political crisis in Libya;
  - b) *Deeply concerned* by the lack of progress in the Israeli–Palestinian Peace process;
  - c) *Welcoming* the military defeat of ISIS in Syria and in Iraq as a major milestone towards stability in the region;
  - d) *Concerned* by the protracted conflict in Syria, which is its 7<sup>th</sup> year, and the resulting humanitarian crisis which has devastated the Mediterranean region;
  - e) *Welcoming* the establishment of de-escalation zones in Syria and *Expressing its appreciation* for the efforts of the UN, and other international efforts to facilitate dialogue aimed at bringing an end to the Syrian crisis;
  - f) *Alarmed* by the continued political crisis in Libya, and the resulting instability which is greatly affecting the region;
  - g) *Disturbed* about the reports of human right violations, particularly the resurgence of human trafficking through slave auctions occurring in Libya, showing that criminal networks continue to take advantage of the ongoing crisis;
  - h) *Expressing its appreciation* for the efforts of the UN in its mandate to facilitate the process of national reconciliation in Libya;
- I. **Reaffirms** its intention to continue closely monitoring all the conflicts, crises, and major political developments occurring in the Mediterranean region;

- II. **Urges** for an immediate resumption of peace negotiations to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;
- III. **Reaffirms** its position that a two-state solution is the only way for both peoples, Israelis and Palestinians, to achieve their legitimate aspirations to govern themselves, to live side by side within safe and recognized borders, in peace and security: the State of Israel and the independent State of Palestine, in accordance with the relevant international resolutions;
- IV. **Remains committed** to serve as an independent parliamentary platform for Israel and Palestine to foster dialogue and confidence building through the instrument of parliamentary diplomacy
- V. **Urges** all relevant parties to commit to negotiations to resolve the Syrian crisis;
- VI. **Expresses its support** for the process of national reconciliation in Syria, including the need for a comprehensive political agreement, constitutional reforms, and UN supervised elections;
- VII. **Draws the attention** to the ongoing humanitarian crisis affecting the region as the result of the Syrian War, and **urging** all actors involved in providing humanitarian assistance to civilians;
- VIII. **Calls on** the relevant parties to expedite the implementation of the Libyan Political Agreement, as the only internationally recognised pathway for national reconciliation;
- IX. **Is available to** any member state to help support national reconciliation and democratisation processes;
- X. **Remains at the disposal** of its member countries to implement the instrument of parliamentary diplomacy to foster peace, stability and dialogue in the region.