



EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION
16-17 MARCH 2009

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

PLENARY DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 16 March 2009

15:00 - 18:30

14.45 Arrival of participants

15:00 – 15:05 Opening of the Fifth Plenary Session by *Mr Abdelhadi Majali*, Vice-President of the EMPA and President of the Jordanian House of Representatives

First Session: the Impact of the international financial crisis on the Union for the Mediterranean :

1. challenges and perspective for the financing of regional infrastructure projects

2. anti-crisis measures : mobilization of SMEs as a growth incentive

15:05 - 15:35 Speakers:

- Mr José Manuel Durrao Barroso, President of the European Commission (tbc)
- Dr. Youssef Boutros Ghali, Minister for Finance of Egypt (tbc)
- Mr Philippe Maystadt, President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) (tbc)

15:35 - 17:00 Plenary debate

- Introduction by Mr Abu El Enein, Chair of the EMPA Committee on Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Education

17:00 - 17:45 Approval of the Resolutions of the following Committees:¹

- Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human rights

¹ As there is no specific rule, 15 minutes have been allocated per resolution.

- Committee on Improving Quality of life, Exchanges between civil societies and culture
- Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs, Social Affairs and Education

- 17:45 - 18:15** Approval of the proposals of modifications submitted by the Working Group on Financing the Assembly and the Revision of the EMPA's Rules of Procedure
- 18:15 - 18:30** Endorsement by the Plenary on the membership request of Albania, Mauritania and Principality of Monaco

Tuesday, 17 March 2009
8:45 - 12:45

Second Session: Situation in the Middle East

- 08:45 - 9:00** Report by *Mr. Hans-Gert Pöttering*, President of the EMPA and President of the European Parliament on the EMPA fact-finding mission to the Middle East
- 09:00 - 9:45** Speakers:
- Mr Karel Schwarzenberg, President-in-office of the Council (tbc)
 - Representatives of the Co-Presidency of the Union for Mediterranean
 - Mr Javier Solana, High Representative of the European Union
 - Ms Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Commissioner for External Relations
- 9:45 - 12:00** Plenary debate
- 12:00 - 12:30** Approval of the Resolutions of the following Committees:¹
- Committee on Women's Rights in the Euro-Mediterranean Countries
 - Ad hoc Committee on Energy and Environment
- 12:30 – 12:45** Conclusions of the Presidency
Statement by *Mr. Hans-Gert Pöttering*, out-going President of the EMPA and President of the European Parliament
- Closing statement by *Mr. Abdelhadi Majali*, in-coming President of EMPA and Speaker of the Jordanian Parliament

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