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PROGRAMME

S&D Group Conference on the Middle East Peace Process:
Debate about New Paradigms for Israel & Palestine

In partnership with the
Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th November 2013

Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) 5G3
European Parliament, Brussels

Wednesday 6th November 2013

- 14.15-15.00 Welcome reception
European Parliament, at the conference meeting room [Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) 5G3]
- 15.00-15.30 Welcome
by Hannes Swoboda, President of the S&D Group
- Opening speech
by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
- 15.30-16.30 Opening session
The peace process - From past failures to current hopes
- Chair: Hannes Swoboda, President of the S&D Group
- Speeches
Andreas Reinicke, European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process
Leila Shahid, Ambassador of Palestine to the European Union
David Walzer, Ambassador of Israel to the European Union

16.30-18.00 Mapping realities

Chair: Véronique De Keyser, Vice-President of the S&D Group

Introduction

by Espen Barth Eide, former Chair of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway

Panel debate – Moderator: Oliver Wates

Panellists

Abdallah Abdallah, Chair of the Political Committee of the Palestinian Legislative Council

Hilik Bar, MK, Chair of the Knesset Caucus for Ending the Israeli-Arab Conflict, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset

Merav Michaeli, MK, Israel Labour Party

Husam Zomlot, Executive Deputy Commissioner for Foreign Relations, Fatah

18.00-19.30 Alternative approaches - The Bruno Kreisky Forum Initiative

Chair: Libor Roucek, Vice-President of the S&D Group

Introduction

by Sam Bahour, Independent Business Consultant

Panel debate - Moderator: Oliver Wates

Panellists

Inbal Arnon, Lecturer, University of Haifa

Gertraud Auer Borea, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue

Bashir Bashir, Research Fellow, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Avraham Burg, Senior Fellow and International Coordinator, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue

Leila Farsakh, Professor, Massachusetts University

Thursday 7th November 2013

9.30-11.00 Cleavages and obstacles

European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) 5G3

Chair: Ana Maria Gomes, S&D Group Coordinator in the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs

Introduction

by Hans-Gert Pöttering, Chair of the European Parliament Working Group on the Middle East, former President of the European Parliament, Chair of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Panel debate – Moderator: Oliver Wates

Panellists

Sam Bahour, Independent Business Consultant

Hillel Ben Sasson, Analyst, Molad

Noura Erakat, Human Rights Attorney

Nimrod Goren, Founder and Chair, Mitvim - The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies

11.00-12.30 Closing session
The peace process – Prospects and the role of international actors

Round table discussion – Moderator: Oliver Wates

Participants

Lahebib Adami, Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the European Union
Espen Barth Eide, former Chair of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway
Avraham Burg, Senior Fellow and International Coordinator, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue
Matthew Duss, Policy Analyst, Center for American Progress
Hannes Swoboda, President of the S&D Group