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Political Affairs Committee

Sub-Committee on the Middle East

The sub-committee on the Middle East of the Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Izmir (Turkey) on 4-5 March 2010, with Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC) in the Chair:

- **elected** by acclamation Mr Tekelioğlu (Turkey, EPP/CD) as Vice-Chair;
- **heard statements** by the PACE President, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, the Governor of Izmir, Mr Cahit Kiraç, the Chairman of the Turkish delegation, Mr Erol Cebeci, and representatives of the Turkish authorities and Turkish experts.

as regards the:

- **Preparation of the Tripartite Forum:** held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Mr Yohanan Plesner, member of the Knesset
 - Mr Meir Sheetrit, member of the Knesset
 - Mr Daniel Ben Simon, member of the Knesset
 - Mr Abdullah Abdullah, member of the Palestinian Legislative Council
 - Mr Fuad Kokaly, member of the Palestinian Legislative Council;
- . against the backdrop of Resolution 1700 (2010), decided to prepare the second session of the Tripartite Forum on a limited number of specific projects in areas such as economic development, environment and natural resources, to be held in the second half of 2010;
- . decided, in the meantime, to monitor the follow-up given by the Israeli and Palestinian sides on certain practical problems raised by participants in the course of the meeting.
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** during the April part-session 2010 (26-30 April), in Strasbourg.

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