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Draft programme

**S&D Group Conference on the Middle East Peace Process:
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 discussion – Moderator: *Oliver Wates*

Panellists

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
Nabeel Shaath, Commissioner for Foreign Relations, Fatah
Husam Zomlot, Foreign Relations Commission, 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 discussion - 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 discussion – 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