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## Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

**Programme of the fact-finding visit by**

**Mr Jordi Xuclà  
Spain, ALDE**

**Rapporteur of the Committee on**

***The political transition in Egypt***

**Cairo, Egypt  
6-7 December 2017**

**Wednesday 6 December 2017**

- 08.30 Working breakfast with representatives of the diplomatic community, at the Residence of the Spanish Ambassador, Mr Arturo Avello, with the participation of:
- Mr Sergey Kirpichenko, Ambassador of Russia  
Ms Madalena Lobo Fischer, Ambassador of Portugal  
Mr Premjith Sadasivan, Ambassador of Singapore  
Mr Aly Al Ayed, Ambassador of Jordan  
Mr Dragan Bisenic, Ambassador of Serbia  
Mr Michal Murkocinski, Ambassador of Poland  
Mr Sten Arne Rosnes, Ambassador of Norway  
Mr Michael-Christos Diamessis, Ambassador of Greece  
Mr Luis Morales, First Secretary, Embassy of Spain
- 10.30 Meeting with Mr Ahmed Ihab Gamal El Din, Assistant Foreign Minister for Human Rights Affairs, Social Matters and International Humanitarian Affairs
- 11.45 Meeting with Mr Hussein Gohar, Foreign Relations Secretary of the Egyptian Social Democratic Party
- 13.00 Meeting with Counsellor Omar Marwan, Minister of Legal and Parliamentary Affairs
- 16.00 Meeting in the Parliament with Mr Karim Darwish, member of the Foreign Relations Committee and member at the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, and with Dr Hala Abou-Ali, Member of Parliament
- 17.00 Meeting with Mr Amr Mekky, Head of Foreign Relations of Al Noor (Salafist) Party and Mr Mohamed Salah Khalifa, Al Nour Party Speaker at the House of Representatives
- 20.00 Working dinner with representatives of Egyptian civil society at the Residence of the Spanish Ambassador, Mr Arturo Avello, with the participation of:
- Mr Hisham Hellyer, Senior non-resident fellow at Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East  
Mr Alaa Aswani, writer  
Mr Khaled El Khamisi, writer  
Mr Luis Morales, First Secretary, Embassy of Spain

**Thursday 7 December 2017**

- 09.30 Meeting with Human Rights activists at the Residence of the Spanish Ambassador, Mr Arturo Avello, with the participation of:
- Mr Hossam Bahgat, founder of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights and journalist for Mada Masr  
Ms Nehad Abul Kumsan, chair of Egyptian Center for Women's Rights "ECWR" board and Consultant for the Global Fund for Women  
Ms Ragia Omran, Member of the Human Rights National Council  
Mr Hossam El Deen Ali, President of the Egyptian Democratic Academy, Human Rights Defender & Member of El Ghaad Party  
Mr Luis Morales, First Secretary, Embassy of Spain  
Mr Ventura Rodriguez, Head of the Spanish Cooperation Office in Egypt
- 11.30 Meeting with Mr Mohamed Fayek, President of the National Council of Human Rights and Counsellor Mohamed Abdallah, member of board of the National Council of Human Rights
- 13.00 Meeting with Mr Hala Foda, Speaker of Mr Khaled Ali Presidential Campaign
- 15.00 Meeting with Mr Tarek Shawki, Minister of Education and Technical Education
- 17.00 Meeting with Mr Anwar Sadat, Founder and President of the Reform and Development Party
- 18.45 Meeting with Mr El Sayed El Badawy, President, Mr Hossan El-Khouly, Vice-President, and other members of the Al Wafd Party
- 20.30 Informal dinner with Mr Angel Gutierrez, Head of the Economic Cooperation Section - Delegation of the European Union in Cairo, and Mr Luis Orgaz, Economic and Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of Spain