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Buzek on the Middle East Peace Talks

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European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek in his role as Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean expressed his support for the action of the Quartet and the role played by the High Representative Baroness Ashton.

EP President Buzek said:

"I fully support the work of the Quartet and Baroness Ashton's strong commitment to the peace process.

I am confident that the Quartet will do its best for peace to succeed and to reach a sustainable and definitive two-state solution.

The Quartet is working as a super-partes facilitator, but for the peace-process to succeed what matters is the willingness of the two sides.

Peace must be sought in deeds even more than in words. If we lose this opportunity, we might regret this for a very long time.

The Israeli decision not to extend the moratorium threatens the peace process and I regret this decision.

As Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean where Israeli and Palestinian members sit together, I am convinced that the parliamentary dimension of cooperation between the two sides is an important and encouraging example of mutual acceptance."

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