

Meeting for assistance for Palestinians

Summary

February 19, 2003: Assistance for Palestinians meeting underway at Greek EU presidency initiative (London)

A two-day working meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee on the Assistance for the Palestinians began in London on Tuesday at the initiative of the Greek EU presidency and the Norwegian government.

The Greek EU presidency is represented by Overseas Hellenism Secretary General Dimitris Dollis who, in opening the sessions, stressed that the promotion of the peace process in the Middle East is one of the Greek EU presidency's main priorities.

Dollis said that the inhabitants of the Palestinian territories not only need financial aid but also need to be given a political vision, a political prospect for the building of a modern, independent and viable state by 2006.

He hailed the decision of the president of the Palestinian Authority to appoint a prime minister in the Palestinian territories and to start the procedures for the creation of a constitution in the Palestinian territories.

The representatives of the Quartet for the Peace Process in the Middle East (EU, UN, USA, Russia) are due to meet British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on Wednesday afternoon.

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