

## **Press Release**

## Lynn Boylan elected Chair of the Delegation for relations with Palestine

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<u>Lynn Boylan</u> (The Left, Ireland) has been elected by acclamation and will chair the <u>Delegation</u> <u>for relation with Palestine</u> of the European Parliament.

Ms Boylan said after the vote: "Thank you very much for electing me as Chair of this delegation. It is a real honour, but also a great responsibility, especially against the backdrop of the ongoing war in Gaza and at extremely critical times for Palestine and the whole region. With your support, I am keen on making our Delegation an active player of parliamentary diplomacy with a view to supporting all efforts for a ceasefire, the end of the war in Gaza and the end of the illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories and promoting all the steps needed to get to a two-state solution.

In the upcoming period our Delegation should primarily assess options for 'the day after' this devastating war, including the role of the Palestinian Authority and all other regional actors in the possible future new landscape, as well as the role the EU could have in the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip. We will continue as well to closely monitor the very concerning situation in the West Bank".

MEPs also elected the two Delegation Vice-Chairs:

- Barry ANDREWS, 1st Vice-Chair (Renew, Ireland), elected by acclamation
- Matjaž NEMEC, 2nd Vice-Chair (S&D, Slovenia), elected by acclamation

## Rules for the election

According to the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament (<u>Rules 219</u> and <u>229</u>), the Delegation elects its bureau among its full members at its first meeting after the appointments of Delegation Members.

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