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PROGRAMME

**Peace Visions to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict –
Partition and its Alternatives**

S&D Group round table event
in cooperation with the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna

Thursday 5th February 2015

Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) 5G3
European Parliament, Brussels

9.30-9.50

**Opening speech by
Gianni Pittella**, president of the S&D Group

9.50-10.20

**The tragic moment of peace
Keynote address by
Elias Khoury**, Lebanese novelist and public intellectual

10.20-11.15

**Panel I
Rights, communities and perceptions**

Chair: Victor Boştinaru, vice-president of the S&D Group

Panelists:

- Avraham Burg, author and peace activist, former speaker of the Knesset, former chairman of the Jewish Agency and of the World Zionist Organization
From political conflict over drawing borders to intra-communal conflict
- Raef Zreik, co-director of the Minerva Centre for the Humanities at Tel Aviv University, lecturer at the Carmel Academic Centre in Haifa
From state-centered politics to rights-centered politics
- Noam Sheizaf, journalist, founder and manager of the web magazine +972
From interpersonal diplomacy to transforming the political environment of the conflict

Open debate

11.15-12.10

Panel II

Internationalization, integration and decolonization

Chair: Gertraud Auer Borea, Secretary General of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue

Panelists:

- Husam Zomlot, adjunct professor at Birzeit University, founder of the Palestinian Strategy Group, executive deputy commissioner for foreign relations of Fatah
From bilateralism to internationalization
- Leila Farsakh, associate professor at the University of Massachusetts, visiting fellow at Birzeit University
Economic stalemate, international aid and decolonization
- Bashir Bashir, research fellow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, lecturer at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
From partition and segregation to bi-nationalism and integration

Open debate

12.10-12.30

Closing remarks by

- Hannes Swoboda, Member of the Board of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, former President of the S&D Group
- Richard Howitt, S&D Group Coordinator in the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs