

Delegation for relations with Israel
The Chair

STATEMENT

**by the Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for relations
with Israel,
Antonio López-Istúriz**

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Following the DIL meeting held on 24 September 2020, the Chair Antonio López-Istúriz has stated:

I am proud to have convened and chaired this historic meeting of the Delegation of the European Parliament for relations with Israel, on the occasion of which, for the first time ever, the Ambassadors of Israel, the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Bahrain sat together and engaged in a substantive, constructive and open debate on the regional significance of the bilateral agreements of normalisation of relations, signed between their respective countries on 15 September 2020.

The commitment for peace, stability and prosperity, clearly expressed in the agreements is an important step for developing a genuine cooperation in the region. On that occasion, I wish to echo the call of High Representative Borrell to work to foster regional cooperation for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Middle East, including a negotiated and viable two-state solution between Israel and Palestinians that respects the internationally agreed parameters and international law.

Once again, I wish to congratulate the Ambassadors and the countries they represent for the agreements and the very positive attitude they have triggered, as demonstrated today in the European Parliament.