



Directorate-General for the Presidency  
Protocol

***Programme  
for the official visit of  
H.E. Mr Shimon PERES  
President of Israel***

**Tuesday, 12 March 2013**

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**10h44            Strasbourg**

Arrival of H.E. Mr Shimon PERES, President of Israel and his official delegation

Welcome by

- Mr. Gianni PITTELLA, first vice-president of the European Parliament
- Mr. Stéphane BOUILLON, Préfet de la Région Alsace, Préfet du Bas-Rhin
- Mr François BRUNAGEL, Head of Protocol of the European Parliament.

**11h00            European Parliament, Louise Weiss building**

H.E. Mr Shimon PERES is welcomed by Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament.

The President of the European Parliament introduces the following officials to the President of Israel:

- Mr Klaus WELLE, Secretary General
- Mrs Francesca RATTI, Deputy Secretary General
- Mr Herwig KAISER, Deputy Director of the President's Cabinet
- Mr Alexandre STUTZMANN, Diplomatic Advisor, President's Cabinet
- Ms Djamila CHIKHI, Advisor, President's Cabinet

The President and his guest go to the flags

***Playing of the anthems***

***Official photo in front of the flags of the European Union and Israel.***

The President of the European Parliament accompanies the President of Israel to the Protocol lounge.

**11h10**      ***European Parliament, Louise Weiss building, Protocol Lounge***

***Signing of the distinguished Visitor's Book***

Meeting between Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament and H.E. Mr Shimon PERES, President of Israel.

The President of Israel is accompanied by:

- Mr Ronen GIL-OR, Chef de la Mission
- Mr Nadav TAMIR, Political Advisor President
- Mr Yona BARTAL, Deputy Director General
- Mrs David SARANGA, Head of the liaison Dep. to the EP
- Mr Hasson HASSON, military secretary to the President
- Mr Ayelet FRISH, Media Advisor to the President
- Mr Shiri KUPERBERG, Advisor to the President
- Interpreter

The President of the European Parliament is accompanied by:

- Mr Klaus WELLE, Secretary General
- Mrs Francesca RATTI, Deputy Secretary General
- Mr Herwig KAISER, Deputy Director of the President's Cabinet
- Mr Alexandre STUTZMANN, Diplomatic Advisor, President's Cabinet
- Ms Djamila CHIKHI, Advisor, President's Cabinet
- Mr Armin MACHMER, Spokesman

**11h40**      ***End of the bilateral meeting***

**12h00**      ***The President of the European Parliament and H.E. the President of Israel go to the Hemicycle***

***Formal Sitting of the European Parliament***

Opening speech by Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament.

Address by H.E. Mr. Shimon PERES, President of Israel.

**12h30**      **Press Briefing Room (LOW- 1 zone nord)**

Joint press conference by H.E. Mr Shimon PERES, President of Israel and Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament.

**13h00**      **Return to the Protocol Lounge**

Meeting between H.E. Mr Shimon PERES, President of Israel and Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**13h15**      **Presidential Dining Room**

Lunch hosted by Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament, in honour of H.E. Mr Shimon PERES, President of Israel.

At the beginning of the lunch, the President of the European Parliament will make a short toast to which the President of Israel will reply.

**14h30**      At the conclusion of the lunch President SCHULZ accompanies President PERES to the Protocol exit.

**14h35**      **European Parliament, Louise Weiss building**

H.E. Mr Shimon PERES, President of Israel and his delegation leave the European Parliament for the Hotel.

Accompanied by the Head of Protocol, Mr François BRUNAGEL.

**17h46**      **Strasbourg**

Departure of the official delegation

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