

REPORT:

Coordinative Meeting of the Secretaries General of the Joint-Arab Chambers of Commerce in Europe Vienna, 11 June 2011

On 11 June 2011, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce had the honour to host the Coordinative Meeting of the Secretaries General of Joint-Arab Chambers of Commerce in Europe in the Austrian capital city Vienna. The Meeting was headed by **H.E. Dr. Imad SHEHAB**, Secretary General of the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries, and coordinated by **H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz AL-MIKHLAFI**, Secretary General of the Arab-German Chamber of Commerce "Ghorfa", in his function as the coordinator of Joint-Arab Chambers in Europe.

The Meeting was honoured by the presence of the following representatives of Chambers of Commerce:

- **Dr. Imad SHEHAB** / Secretary General of the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries
- **Dr. Abdelaziz AL-MIKHLAFI** / Secretary General of the Arab-German Chamber of Commerce "Ghorfa"
- **Dr. Afnan AL-SHUAIBY** / Secretary General of the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce
- **Dr. Saleh AL-TAYYAR** / Secretary General of the Chambre de Commerce Franco-Arabe
- **Mr. Qaisar HIJAZIN** / Secretary General of the Arab-Belgium-Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. Ahmed YOUNIS** / Secretary General of The Joint Arab-Irish Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. Mohamed EL-KHAZMI** / Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Development
- **Dr. Bahaa EL-ATTAR** / Secretary General of the Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Mr. Allaoua BOUABDELLAH** / Secretary General of the Arab-Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Mr. Mohamed BEK DERNA** / Secretary General of the Maltese-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
- **Eng. Mouddar KHOUJA** / Secretary General of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce



The following representatives joined at the Meeting as extra-ordinary participants:

- **Mrs. Manal MOWAFI** / Minister Plenipotentiary, Head of Chambers of Commerce, Industry & Private Sector Division, League of Arab States
- **Mr. Ressel DEBABECHE** / Second Secretary, Mission of the League of Arab States in Vienna

The Meeting's Agenda comprised of a number of highly important issues, including discussions on the role of the Joint-Arab Chambers in Europe to support economic relations and developments with reference to the current and ongoing developments and challenges in Arab countries, as well as the strengthening of small and medium-sized enterprises in both Europe and the Arab countries. Other fields of discussion were issues on legalisations for trade documents as well as the organisation of and participation at various upcoming conferences and forums both in Europe and the Arab countries.



The Meeting of the Secretaries General was crowned with the generous invitation by Commercial Counsellor Nabil KUZBARI, Vice-President of the AACC, to an exclusive Dinner in, at the noble and well-known **Hotel SACHER (an esteemed member of the AACC)** at the evening of the 11 June 2011. The Dinner was honoured by the distinguished presence of the President of the AACC, **Senator Dr. Richard SCHENZ**, and Their Excellencies the Arab Ambassadors and Representatives in Austria: H.E. Ambassador **Dr. Mikhail WEHBE**, Head of the Mission of the Arab League in Vienna, **H.H. Prince Mansour AL SAUD**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, **H.E. Ishaya EL-KHOURY**, Ambassador of the Lebanese Republic, **H.E. Dr. Omar ZNIBER**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco, **H.E. Dr. Zuheir EL WAZER**, Ambassador of Palestine, **H.E. Mr. Ali AL-MANSOURI**, Representative of the State of Qatar, **H.E. Mr. Bassam SABBAGH**, Ambassador of the Syrian Republic and **Mr. Fawzi AL FARAH**, Counsellor at the Embassy of the State of Kuwait.





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