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## **EU Ambassadors meet with Ad-Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Parliamentary Election Law Reform**

The Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon, Ambassador Christina Lassen, and Ambassadors of EU Member States today visited Deputy Speaker Farid Makari and the members of the Ad-Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Parliamentary Election Law Reform. The visit aimed to learn more about the Committee's work for a possible reform of the legislative framework ahead of the parliamentary elections that are scheduled to take place in 2017.

The EU side noted that the recommendations of the EU Election Observation Mission deployed during the 2009 parliamentary elections remain relevant, in particular on some key issues such as the need to set-up oversight bodies over media and campaign financing, and the need for mechanisms and policies to strengthen women representation, officially pre-printed ballots, and accessibility of polling stations.

The EU representatives underlined that the European Union and Member States remain convinced that Lebanon is able to hold parliamentary elections on schedule.