

Meeting to establish CPG on Kurdistan – 12.45 27/10/16

Attendance:

- Bob Doris MSP
- John Finnie MSP
- Ross Greer MSP
- Ruth MaGuire MSP
- Dr John MacDonald – Scottish Global Forum

The meeting agreed the draft purpose and proposed discussion topics of the CPG as proposed by Ross Greer.

The meeting agreed to the Scottish Global Forum (SGF) and Scottish Solidarity with Kurdistan (SSK) as organisational members, with John MacDonald and Stephen Smellie as their respected contact persons.

A desire to join the CPG was noted from Pauline McNeil MSP, Claire Haughey MSP, James Dornan MSP and Ash Denham MSP.

*Ross Greer to ensure members not present signed necessary forms to establish the group.

SSK was noted as willing to provide secretarial support in conjunction with MSPs' offices.

John Finnie left to attend to other arrangements.

Ross Greer proposed and Bob Doris seconded Stephen Smellie on behalf of SSK as the CPG secretary – unanimously agreed.

Bob Doris proposed and Ruth MaGuire seconded Ross Greer as convenor – unanimously agreed.

Ross Greer proposed and Bob Doris seconded Ruth MaGuire as vice-convenor – unanimously agreed.

A further meeting was agreed to discuss a work plan for the coming year.

The upcoming conference hosted by the HDP (People's Democratic Party of Turkey) and Kurdish Knowledge Centre in Edinburgh was discussed.

Members were keen to ensure a parliamentary element to the event such as through a reception or lunch for the leadership of the parties and groups attending the conference.

*Ross Greer has contacted the International Relations Office and will progress this.

End 13.20