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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
<b>Allegations of misuse of funds donated by the European Union in the context of EU budgetary support to the Palestinian Authority</b>	5.2.03	OLAF (the anti-fraud Office of the European Commission) opened an external investigation in relation to allegations of misuse of funds donated by the European Commission in the context of EU budgetary support to the Palestinian Authority <sup>2</sup> .
	14 .2.03	The Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament sets a working group responsible for monitoring the use of EU funds by the Palestinian Authority. Chairs of the Working Group: Chairs of the EP Committees for Foreign Affairs and Budgets and Budgetary Control
<b>Allegations of misuse of funds donated by the European Union to a Jewish NGO</b>	10.2.03	OLAF (the anti-fraud Office of the European Commission) opened an external investigation in relation to allegations of misuse of funds donated by the European Commission to a Jewish NGO <sup>3</sup> based in several EU countries
<b>Euro-Mediterranean partnership (Barcelona)</b>		The Barcelona process follow-up committee met on

<sup>1</sup>Second Issue: March 31<sup>st</sup>. From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue onward the Bulletin will be issued every 15th and last day of the month.

<sup>2</sup> Following an evaluation of information received by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in recent months from a number of different sources, OLAF has opened an external investigation in conformity with Art. 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No.1073/1999 in relation to allegations of misuse of funds donated by the European Union in the context of EU budgetary support to the Palestinian Authority. No further comment will be made on this investigation until it has been completed. See [http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=gt&doc=OLAF/03/3/0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=OLAF/03/3/0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)

<sup>3</sup> See [http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=gt&doc=OLAF/03/4/0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=OLAF/03/4/0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)

<b>Process), human rights</b>	3.3.03	<p>3 March 2003 in Brussels in order to prepare 2 Euro-Mediterranean ministerial meetings: the first, informal, will be held in Crete on 26-27 May 2003, the second, formal, will be held in Naples on 2-3 December 2003.</p> <p>Responding to the requests of MEPs and human rights organizations, it has been announced that the European Commission intends to produce a specific communication on human rights in the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and related Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements.</p>
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