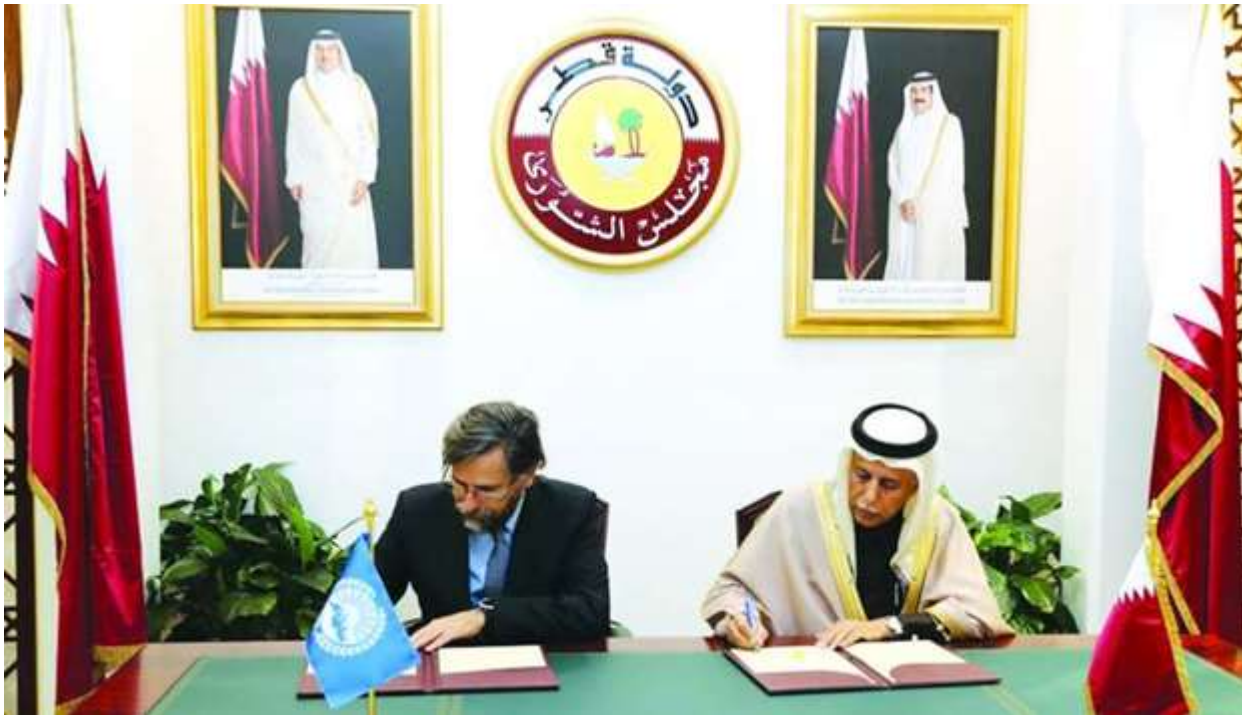


Advisory Council Speaker meets Mediterranean parliamentarians



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HE the Speaker of the Advisory Council Ahmed bin Abdulla bin Zaid al-Mahmoud met the president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), Antonio Pedro Roque, and Secretary General of PAM Sergio Piazzini in Doha Wednesday.

During the meeting they discussed parliamentary relations between the Advisory Council and PAM, which includes 29 parliaments from Mediterranean countries. They also discussed ways to develop these relations and reviewed a number of issues of common interest.

Following the meeting, they signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Advisory Council and PAM, reflecting the friendly relations and solidarity that link Qatar with Mediterranean countries. It also reaffirms the role of parliaments in promoting relations between people and maintain peace and security around the world.

The MoU was signed by HE the Speaker of the Advisory Council Ahmed bin Abdulla bin Zaid al Mahmoud and President of PAM

Antonio Pedro Roque.

Under the MoU, both parties will co-ordinate on important issues related to bilateral ties, take necessary procedures that contribute to unifying the positions of both parties and cooperation between the Advisory Council delegation and the delegations that represent PAM in different meetings, conferences, forums and international platforms, as well as exchange expertise between both parties.

The MoU involves creating concrete initiatives to promote peace and security in the region and around the world, as well as implement the goals of the United Nations especially those related to achieving sustainable development and fighting poverty.

The MoU also includes working on the proper implementation of the UN principles and international law which target achieving an international community, that is secure and peaceful and free from war and the use or threat of force.

The MoU also involves discussing topics and issues found on international parliamentary conference agendas and co-ordinate and unify positions on the issues, as well as exchange information between both parties on legislative, legal and political matters, exchange publications and legislative texts available to both parties and work to achieve a partnership between the Advisory Council in Qatar and PAM.