



US Congress Looks to Increase Support for MEDRC–Codel Visits MEDRC During their Regional Tour



On February 16th MEDRC had the privilege to receive the US Congress delegation, headed by the Honorable Congresswomen Nita Lowey, who is the chairperson of the appropriation sub-committee for the Departments of State, Commerce and Justice. CW Lowey was accompanied by CM Tom Cole (Republican, Oklahoma), CW Barbara Lee (Democrat, California), CM Cliff Stearns (Republican, Florida), CM Ed Whitfield (Republican, Kentucky), CM Paul Ryan (Republican, Wisconsin), CW Donna Edwards (Democrat, Maryland).

CW Lowey and her delegation were received for a lunch by HE Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Albusaidi, Chairman of the Executive Council and Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman together with the accredited ambassadors in Muscat of the MEDRC member countries and the candidate member countries of France and Germany. The Government of Spain who recently signed the MEDRC membership agreement was also represented by their Ambassador.

The discussions concentrated mainly

around the growing role of MEDRC as a platform for cooperation by the core parties of the Middle East Peace Process; Israel, Palestinian National Authority and Jordan. Specific discussions were held on how desalination and water reuse technology can promote water supply and enhance cooperation ■

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