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**DECISION No. 1175
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2015
OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE**

(Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 20 and 21 October 2015)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 1169 of 30 April 2015 on the dates and venue of the 2015 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, to be held in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on 20 and 21 October 2015,

Welcoming again the offer by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to host the annual OSCE Mediterranean Conference,

Further to the discussion in the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2015 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on the topic “Common security in the Mediterranean region – challenges and opportunities”;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference, as contained in the annex.

AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2015 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON COMMON SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 20 and 21 October 2015

I. Indicative agenda

Introduction

Ministers for foreign affairs have noted in Basel that recent and ongoing international developments provide ample evidence that the security of the OSCE area is inextricably linked to that of adjacent areas, including the Mediterranean as a whole. They also noted that changes unfolding in the Mediterranean region reflect a profound and complex process that may have enormous consequences for security in the OSCE region and beyond. These changes open up opportunities for development and co-operation and also increase the range of diverse and complex challenges, many of which are transnational in nature.

The 2015 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will therefore be devoted to “Common security in the Mediterranean region – challenges and opportunities” and will have a cross-dimensional approach in its entirety, not only consistent with the OSCE’s comprehensive approach to security, but also highlighting the fortieth anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act and its Mediterranean chapter.

The first session shall allow a broader, political discussion and is aiming at high-level participation, subsequently followed by three thematic sessions addressing common current challenges for OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation.

The Conference will provide opportunities for the sharing of views and experiences among the OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners in view of identifying avenues for a forward looking dialogue and concrete co-operation.

The OSCE Mediterranean Conference 2015 can reaffirm our strong belief in the relevance and the value of the OSCE Mediterranean Partnership and contribute to further strengthening dialogue and co-operation of OSCE and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation.

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

8.30–9 a.m. Registration of participants

9–9.30 a.m.	Opening remarks
9.30–10 a.m.	Coffee break
10 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Session I: Common security in the Mediterranean region
12.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch hosted by Germany
2.30–4.15 p.m.	Session II: Addressing violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism
4.15–4.45 p.m.	Coffee break
4.45–6.30 p.m.	Session III: The role of interfaith/intercultural dialogue
7.30 p.m.	Dinner hosted by Jordan

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

9.30–11.30 a.m.	Session IV: Irregular migration, refugee protection, migrant smuggling and human trafficking in the Mediterranean
11.30–12 noon	Coffee break
12 noon–1 p.m.	Closing session
1–3 p.m.	Buffet lunch hosted by the OSCE Secretariat

II. Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference. The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Adriatic Ionian Initiative, African Development Bank, African Union, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Union, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, European Union, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, Financial Action Task Force, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International

Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Labour Organisation, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-parliamentary Union, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, Middle East and North Africa Region Financial Action Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Union for the Mediterranean, UN Habitat, United Nations, UN Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Cities and Local Governments, UNICEF, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN Women, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Bank.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

Other countries and organizations may be invited by the host country to observe the conference.

III. Organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9 a.m. (opening remarks) on the first day, and end at 1 p.m. on the second day.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chairperson. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.

Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.

The working language will be English. At the request of several participating States and Partners for Co-operation interpretation will be provided from and into French. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken in account.