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**DECISION No. 623
2004 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON ADDRESSING
THREATS TO SECURITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY:
INTERACTION BETWEEN THE OSCE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN
PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION**

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2004 Mediterranean Seminar in Alexandria, Egypt, on 17 and 18 November 2004, on the topic “Addressing Threats to Security in the Twenty-First Century: Interaction between the OSCE and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation”;

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

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE 2004 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON ADDRESSING
THREATS TO SECURITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY:
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PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION**

Alexandria, Egypt, on 17 and 18 November 2004

I. Indicative agenda

Wednesday, 17 November 2004

Opening Ceremony

Chairperson: Representative of the Chairman-in-Office (CiO)

9 a.m.

Opening address by a representative of the host country
Statement by a representative of the CiO
Statement by the Secretary General of the OSCE
Guest speaker

10 a.m.

Session 1: Co-operative security — reducing risks and building confidence

Moderator: Representative of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation (MPC)

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)

OSCE

MPCs

Academic institution/international organization

11.15 a.m.

Coffee break

11.45 a.m.–1 p.m.

Discussion

3 p.m.

Session 2: Tolerance and non-discrimination: a way to mutual understanding and reinforcing positive attitudes

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Rapporteur: Representative of an MPC

Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)

OSCE

MPCs

Academic institution/international organization

4.15 p.m. Coffee break

4.30–6 p.m. Discussion

Thursday, 18 November 2004

9 a.m. **Session 3: Migration — opportunities and challenges**

Moderator: Representative of an MPC

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)

OSCE

MPCs

Academic institution/international organization

Discussion

10.30–11 a.m. Coffee break

11 a.m. Concluding session

Chairperson: Representative of the CiO

Reports by session rapporteurs

Discussion on enhancing co-operation between the OSCE and MPCs,
and among MPCs themselves.

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative of the CiO

1 p.m. End of Seminar

Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Seminar.

The Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar.

The OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar.

The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar: Adriatic Ionian Initiative, African Union, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, GUUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Stability Pact, United Nations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Bank.

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

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

II. Timetable and other organizational modalities

The Seminar will begin at 9 a.m. (opening ceremony) on 17 November 2004 and end at 1 p.m. on 18 November 2004.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chair. 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 interpretation will be provided from and into French. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

Other rules of procedures and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Seminar.

Rooms for additional ad hoc meetings will be made available to participants. Such meetings will be held without interpretation.