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**DECISION No. 371
2000 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON “CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES
AND CONFIDENCE- AND SECURITY-BUILDING MEASURES:
THE OSCE EXPERIENCE AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR
THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION”**

The Permanent Council,

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

- Decides to hold the 2000 Mediterranean Seminar in Portorož, Slovenia, on 30 and 31 October 2000, on the topic, “Confidence-building measures and confidence- and security-building measures: The OSCE experience and its relevance for the Mediterranean region”;
- Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Seminar, as contained in the annex.

AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE OSCE MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON
“CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CONFIDENCE- AND
SECURITY-BUILDING MEASURES: THE OSCE EXPERIENCE AND
ITS RELEVANCE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION”

(Portorož, 30 and 31 October 2000)

I. INDICATIVE AGENDA

Monday, 30 October 2000

Opening Ceremony – 25 Years of co-operation with the Mediterranean Partners

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

9 a.m. Opening address by a high official of the host country
Statement by a representative of the CiO
Statement by the Secretary General of the OSCE
Guest speaker

Session 1: OSCE’s comprehensive approach to security: confidence-building measures (CBMs) and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs)

Moderator: Representative of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Keynote speakers:

10 a.m. History of OSCE CBMs/CSBMs
Human dimension activities as confidence-building measures
Economic dimension

11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.45 a.m.-
1 p.m. Discussion

Session 2: OSCE’s comprehensive approach to security: CBMs and CSBMs (continued)

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State
Rapporteur: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)

Keynote speakers:

- 3 p.m. Politico-military dimension of confidence building
Additional subregional measures within the OSCE area
CBMs outside Europe
- 4.15 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.30-6 p.m. Discussion

Tuesday, 31 October 2000

Session 3: Mutually reinforcing institutions and their undertakings in the Mediterranean

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State
Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Keynote speakers:

- 10 a.m. European Union/Barcelona Process
NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue
WEU
Parliamentary dimension
- 11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.45 a.m.-
1 p.m. Discussion
- Session 4: The Mediterranean experience with CBMs and the possible relevance of
OSCE tools, instruments and mechanisms for the Mediterranean region
- Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State
Rapporteur: Representative of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
- Keynote speakers:
- 3 p.m. Speakers from Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation
Speaker from an OSCE participating State
- 4.15 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.45-
5.30 p.m. Discussion

Closing Session

Chairman: Representative of the CiO

- 5.30 p.m. Reports by the session rapporteurs
Concluding statement by a high official of the host country
Closing statement by a representative of the CiO
- 6.30 p.m. End of Seminar

II. PARTICIPATION

1. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia) will attend all the sessions and make contributions to all the meetings.
2. The Partners for Co-operation (Japan and the Republic of Korea) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar.
3. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar.
4. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar: European Union/Barcelona Process, International Committee of the Red Cross, Mediterranean Forum, Organization of African Unity, Organization of the Islamic Conference, United Nations, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Council of Europe, League of Arab States, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Western European Union, Black Sea Economic Co-operation Organization, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, South-Eastern European Co-operation Process, Commonwealth of Independent States and Asian Regional Forum.
5. 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).
6. Other countries and organizations may be invited by the host country.

III. TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

1. The Seminar will begin at 9.30 a.m. (opening ceremony) on 30 October 2000 and end at 6.30 p.m. on 31 October 2000.
2. The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the CiO.

3. 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.
4. Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.
5. 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.
6. Other rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Seminar.
7. Rooms for additional ad hoc meetings will be made available to participants. Such meetings will be held without interpretation.