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**DECISION No. 496
AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE
2002 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 488 (PC.DEC/488) of 18 July 2002 on the 2002 Mediterranean Seminar on the media and new technologies: implications for governments, international organizations and civil society to be held in Rhodes, Greece, on 4 and 5 November 2002,

- Adopts, after consultation with the participating States and the Mediterranean partners for co-operation, the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Seminar as contained in the annex.

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE 2002 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON THE MEDIA AND
NEW TECHNOLOGIES: IMPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS,
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

(Rhodes, 4-5 November 2002)

I. Indicative agenda

Monday, 4 November 2002

- 9 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- Chair: Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
- Opening addresses:
- Representative of the Host Country
 - Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
 - Secretary General of the OSCE
- 10 a.m. Session I: The media and the new technologies - a general exploration
of basic factors
- Moderator: Ambassador of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
- Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State
- Keynote statement by Professor Dr. Jo Groebel, Director-General, The
European Institute for the Media, Düsseldorf, Germany - “After
disillusionment: possibilities and challenges of the digital future”
(20 minutes)
- Speakers: (15 minutes)
- Representative of the Office of the Representative on Freedom
of the Media
 - Representative of a broadcasting station
- 11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.45 a.m.- 1 p.m. Discussion
1. p.m. Lunch break

- 3 p.m. Session 2: The media and new technologies: implications for Governments
- Moderator: Ambassador of an OSCE participating State
- Rapporteur: Representative of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
- Speakers: (15 minutes)
- Representatives of participating States and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation - "Experience with e-government"
 - Representative of the European Commission
- 4.15 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.30-6 p.m. Discussion

Tuesday, 5 November 2002

- 10 a.m. Session 3: The media and new technologies: implications for international organizations and international diplomacy
- Moderator: Ambassador of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
- Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State
- Speakers: (15 minutes)
- Representative of UNESCO
 - Representative of an international organization
 - Representative of an academic institution
- 10.45 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.45 a.m.-1 p.m. Discussion
- 1 p.m. Lunch break
- 3 p.m. Session 4: The media and new technologies: implications for civil society
- Moderator: Ambassador of an OSCE participating State
- Rapporteur: Representative of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

Speakers: (15 minutes):

- NGO practitioners from participating States and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation
- Representative of the Council of Europe
- Representative of a private business firm

Discussion

4.15 p.m. Coffee Break

4.45 p.m. Closing Session

Chairman: Chairman of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

Reports by session rapporteurs

Closing remarks:

- Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE
- Ambassador of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
- Chairman of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

6 p.m. End of Seminar

Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia) will attend all the sessions and make contributions to all meetings.

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

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: African Union, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum, Commonwealth of Independent States Executive Committee, 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, European Union/Barcelona Process, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Monetary Fund, 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, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, 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 4 November 2002 and end at 6 p.m. on 5 November 2002.

The opening session will be chaired by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office. The closing session will be chaired by the Chairman of Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

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.

The speakers will be invited to submit their written statements in advance.

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.