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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
2007 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR**

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 2007 OSCE Mediterranean Seminar in Tel Aviv, Israel, on 18 and 19 December 2007, with the title Combating Intolerance and Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding,

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

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE OSCE 2007 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON COMBATING
INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AND PROMOTING
MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING**

Tel Aviv, Israel, 18 and 19 December 2007

I. Indicative agenda

Tuesday, 18 December 2007

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| 8.30–9.15 a.m. | Registration of participants |
| 9.15–10 a.m. | Opening ceremony |
| | Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office (CiO) |
| | Representative of the host country |
| | Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office |
| | Representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation |
| | Secretary General of the OSCE |
| | Director of the ODIHR |
| 10–10.30 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 10.30–10.45 a.m. | Report of the Chairperson of the NGO side event |
| 10.45 a.m.–12.45 p.m. | Session 1: The implementation of OSCE tolerance-related commitments in the participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and lessons learned |
| | Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation |
| | Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation |
| | This session will focus on: |

- Implementation of OSCE tolerance-related commitments in the participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and lessons learned;
- The role of women relating to the implementation of OSCE commitments in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination;
- Uptake by the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation of ODIHR's tools and assistance programmes developed to support OSCE participating States in implementing their commitments.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

12.45–3 p.m.

Lunch

3–5.30 p.m.

Session 2: Promoting respect for cultural and religious diversity and facilitating dialogue in the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

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

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

This session will focus on:

- The role of formal education as a means of combating intolerance, stereotyping and misunderstanding and the additional contribution by civil society and academia;
- Other educational tools and means, such as informal and extra-curricular tools to promote mutual respect and understanding among all segments of society;
- The role of media in facilitating mutual respect and understanding and in countering misperceptions and prejudices.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

Wednesday, 19 December 2007

- 9.30–11.30 a.m. Session 3: Countering discrimination in the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation
- Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
- This session will focus on countering:
- Discrimination and the manifestations of racism and xenophobia towards migrants, in line with the OSCE Ministerial Council statement on migration (MC.DOC/6/06);
 - Discrimination against women;
 - Other forms of discrimination.
- Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator
- 11.30 a.m.–12.00 noon Coffee break
- 12 noon–1 p.m. Concluding session
- Chairperson: Representative of the Chairperson of the Mediterranean Contact Group
- Reports by session rapporteurs
- Discussion and assessment of the OSCE Mediterranean dialogue
- Concluding statement by a representative of the host country
- Concluding statement by a representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
- 1.00 p.m. End of Seminar

II. Participation

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

The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia 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, institutions and initiatives will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar:

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, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development — GUAM, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South East European Co-operation Process, Stability Pact, United Nations, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Initiative, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the 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 registration required).

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

III. Organizational modalities

The Seminar will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening ceremony) on Tuesday, 18 December 2007, and end at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 December 2007.

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 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 interpretation will be provided from and into French. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

On the eve of the Seminar, a side event on the role of NGOs in combating intolerance and discrimination and promoting mutual respect and understanding in the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, with particular reference to the role of women in promoting tolerance and non-discrimination for Mediterranean NGOs will be held.

Side event(s) will be chaired by a representative of an OSCE participating State or institution.

A report from the side event will be produced and presented by the Chairperson before the start of the first session.

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.