

## **2015 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON COMMON SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 20 and 21 October 2015  
Mövenpick Resort Dead Sea, Sweimeh

### **Draft Annotated 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

08.30 – 09.00 a.m. Registration of participants

09.00 – 09.50 a.m. **Opening Remarks** (*open to the media*)

- **H.E. Nasser Judeh**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- **H.E. Ms. Roksanđa Ninčić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia
- **H.E. Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany

Family picture with Heads of Delegations (*directly following the opening*)

10.00 – 1.00 p.m. **Session I: “Common Security in the Mediterranean region”**  
(*open to the media*)

This session will look at the overall topic of the conference from a broad perspective. 40 years after the Helsinki Final Act, which maintained that “*security in Europe is closely linked with security in the Mediterranean area as a whole*”, the session will highlight the manifold common challenges, but also opportunities the OSCE area and the Mediterranean share. It will thereby aim at a broad, political discussion with high-level participation to prepare the floor for the following thematic sessions.

**Moderator:** **H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier**, Secretary General of the OSCE

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Carolin Poeschke, German Delegation to the OSCE

1.00 – 02.30 p.m. Lunch hosted by Germany  
- Heads of Delegation (format 1+0; language: English only)  
- Buffet lunch for all participants

02.30 – 04.15 p.m. **Session II: Addressing Violent Extremism and Radicalization that lead to Terrorism**

Addressing violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism (VERLT) requires a deeper understanding of the conditions that are conducive to terrorism, and the factors that are increasing the risk of individual susceptibility to foreign terrorist fighter (FTF) radicalization and recruitment. This Session should therefore explore effective, context-specific, and human rights-compliant measures and regional practices and initiatives to counter VERLT. Speakers are invited to share their views on measures aiming at early detection of cases of terrorist radicalization, on

ideas about preventive and corrective measures, as well as on rehabilitation and de-radicalization programs. Particular attention should be paid to exchanging experiences on engaging and empowering civil society, especially at the grassroots level, including religious groups, youth, and women in efforts to address VERLT; the role of education in countering VERLT; as well as ways to effectively counter the spread of terrorist narratives online and offline, while upholding freedom of expression and the media. Speakers are also encouraged to suggest ways how the OSCE could enhance its engagement with Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation in the field of countering VERLT.

Moderator: **H.E. Amb. Fathallah Sijilmassi**, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

Keynote speaker:

- **Mr. Hakim Ben Soltane**, Chargé de mission at the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of the National Committee of the Fight against Terrorism, Tunisia
- **H.E. Amb. Hamid Boukrif**, Director for Planning in the Directorate General for Political Affairs and International Security at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria
- **Representative from the Russian Federation**, *tbc*

Rapporteur: Ms. Esther Osorio, European Union Delegation

04.15 – 04.45 p.m. Coffee break

04.45 – 06.30 p.m. **Session III: The role of Interfaith/Intercultural Dialogue**

Cooperative, constructive and positive interaction between people of different origin, religions and belief is a sine qua non for peaceful coexistence and ensuring the security and stability of societies in the OSCE and Mediterranean region. This session should address the conditions and characteristics of an effective, broad-based dialogue, also ensuring the involvement of women, youth and religious minorities. A focus should be the role of the State and regional institutions in encouraging, promoting and facilitating intercultural dialogue, as well as resolving challenges and removing obstacles. It should be assessed how communities can build coalitions to advocate the promotion and protection of their right to freedom of religion or belief. Furthermore the session should address the role of interfaith and intercultural dialogue in strengthening social cohesion and resilience against discrimination and hate crime. Finally, this session should focus on the role of the OSCE in providing a platform to exchange good practices and experiences with

regard to overcoming social or political challenges and tensions through interfaith and intercultural dialogue.

Moderator: **Ms. Beatriz Balbin**, First Deputy Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Keynote speaker:

- **H.E. Professor Kamel Abu Jaber**, Director of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS), Jordan
- **Rabbi Dr. Dov Maimon**, The Jewish People Policy Institute, Israel
- **Dr. Peter Mandaville**, Senior Advisor in the Secretary of State's Office of Religion & Global Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Rapporteur: Mr. Moritz Ehrmann, First Secretary, Austrian Delegation to the OSCE

08.00 p.m. Evening Cultural Event and Dinner hosted by Jordan

## **Wednesday, 21 October 2015**

09.30 -11.30 a.m. **Session IV: Irregular migration, Refugee protection, migrant smuggling and human trafficking in the Mediterranean**

The refugee and migration crisis that has been unfolding in the Mediterranean calls for responses that focus on the safety, protection, and human rights of all migrants and refugees. The scale of the current movements, the complexity of the so-called "mixed flows", and the inherently transnational nature of the phenomenon also make inter-regional co-operation a prerogative. Comprehensive and joint approaches must include measures that alleviate the immediate plight of refugees and migrants, disrupt smuggling networks, prevent exploitation and trafficking in human beings and address the root causes and driving forces that make people move in such dangerous circumstances in the first place. Resolving conflicts and promoting security as a basis for development are essential elements of a comprehensive response. It should be discussed how joint approaches in addressing those challenges can be defined and implemented. In the discussion it should also be explored how the OSCE Mediterranean Partnership can foster practical co-operation between countries of origin, transit and destination in defining and implementing adequate and human rights based responses to the current crisis.

Moderator: **Amb. Madina Jarbussynova**, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Keynote speaker:

- **Mr. Amin Awad**, UNHCR Director of the MENA Bureau, Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Syria Situation
- **Representative from the European Union**, *tbd*
- **H.E. Amb. Nicolas Galey**, Inter-Ministerial delegate for the Mediterranean, Office of the Prime Minister of France

Rapporteur: Ms. Teresa Albano, Economic affairs officer, OSCE OCEEA

11.30 – 12 noon      Coffee break

12 noon – 1.00 p.m.      **Closing session** (*open to the media*)

- **H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier**, Secretary General of the OSCE
- **Representative from the Serbian Chairperson-in-Office**, *tbd*
- **H.E. Amb. Eberhard Pohl**, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE
- **Representative from the host country Jordan**, *tbd*

Rapporteur: Dr. Emiliano Alessandri, Office of the Secretary General

01.00 – 03.00 p.m.      Buffet lunch hosted by the OSCE Secretariat