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**Annotated Agenda
OSCE 2007 Mediterranean Seminar**

**Combating intolerance and discrimination and
promoting mutual respect and understanding**

Tel Aviv, Israel, 18 and 19 December 2007

Tuesday, 18 December 2007

8.30–9.15 a.m. Registration of participants

9.15–10 a.m. Opening ceremony

Chairperson:

H.E. Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado, Chairman of the OSCE
Permanent Council

Statements by:

H.E. Mr. Majalli Whbee, MK, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of
Israel

H.E. Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado, Chairman of the OSCE
Permanent Council

H.E. Ambassador Antti Turunen, Chairperson of the Contact Group
with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

H.E. Amb. Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, OSCE Secretary General

H.E. Ambassador Christian Strohal, Director of 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: **H.E. Ambassador Yusuf Buluç**, Turkey

Rapporteur: **Mr. Alastair Long**, United Kingdom

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

- **Ms. Colette Avital MK**, Head of the Knesset delegation to the OSCE-PA
- **Ms. Edith Schlaffer**, Women without Borders
- **Commander Dov Lutzky**, expert on tolerance-related aspects of community policing
- **Ms. Jo-Anne Bishop**, Senior Adviser, ODIHR

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

12.45–2.30 p.m.

Lunch at the *Cafe Med*, Hilton Hotel, hosted by the OSCE Secretariat

3–5 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: **H.E. Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrughe**, Belgium

Rapporteur: **Mr. Marco Sermoneta**, Israel

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

- **H.E. Ambassador Julie Finley**, U.S.A.
- **Mr. Mark Weitzman**, Simon Wiesenthal Center
- **Prof. Javier Martínez-Torrón** and **Mr. Jeremy Gunn**, ODIHR Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief

Discussant

- **H.E. Ambassador Ömür Orhun**, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

19.00

Dinner hosted by the Foreign Minister of Israel

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: **The Hon. Alcee L. Hastings**, President Emeritus of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 Rapporteur: **Mr. Peter Hulenyi**, Slovakia

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, on the basis of OSCE commitments, including the MC.DEC/04/03¹.

¹ MC.DEC/04/03 on the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, inter alia, said that: “Reaffirming its commitment to promote tolerance and combat discrimination, and its concern about all manifestations of aggressive nationalism, racism, chauvinism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and violent extremism in all participating States, as well as discrimination based, inter alia, on race, color, sex, language, religion or belief, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.” “Affirms the importance of freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, and condemns all discrimination and violence, including against any religious group or individual believer [...]”

Speakers

- **H.E. Ambassador Stanislav Raščan**, Slovenia
- **H.E. Ambassador Lars-Erik Lundin**, European Commission
- **Ms. Gali Etzion**, Lawyer in Charge of Special Affairs of NAAMAT-Movement of Working Women & Volunteers

Discussant

- **Prof. Gert Weisskirchen**, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating anti-Semitism

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

11.30 a.m.–12.00 noon Coffee break

12 noon–1 p.m. Concluding session

Chairperson: **H.E. Ambassador Antti Turunen**, Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

Reports by session rapporteurs

Discussion and assessment of the OSCE Mediterranean dialogue

Concluding statement by **H.E. Ambassador Dan Ashbel**, Permanent Representative of the State of Israel to the OSCE

Concluding statement by **H.E. Mr. Jose Angel Lopez Jorin**, Head of the OSCE Chairmanship Task Force

12.45–2.30 p.m. Lunch at the Cafe *Med*, Hilton Hotel, hosted by the OSCE Secretariat and Israel

2.30.00 p.m. End of Seminar