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2018 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

(Malaga, Spain, 25 and 26 October 2018)

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the willingness of Spain to host the 2018 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, to be held in Malaga, Spain, on 25 and 26 October 2018 as decided by Permanent Council Decision No. 1292 of 17 May 2018 on the dates and venue of the 2018 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, and further to discussions with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

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

AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2018 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Malaga, Spain, 25 and 26 October 2018

I. Indicative agenda

Introduction

Guaranteeing sustainable and reliable energy at affordable prices is the precondition for prospering economies and peace and security throughout the OSCE and its Mediterranean Partners. Arguably, there is hardly another domain than energy in which the indivisibility of Euro-Mediterranean security is more manifest – and more consequential – for the stability of States, the prosperity of the local economies, and the well-being of societies around the basin and beyond. Traditionally at the centre of the world's fossil fuel market, the Mediterranean region is now increasingly becoming a main driver of energy innovation and transformation.

The development of clean or renewable energy technologies can provide economic opportunities to countries with substantial conventional energy resources as well as those who lack such resources by offering an alternative means to power their economies and generate jobs for their citizens. Renewable energy today is embraced as a key solution to the triple challenges of energy supply, security and climate change which are all of concern in the Mediterranean region.

The OSCE serves as platform for dialogue and fostering co-operation and security and stands ready to provide a platform to exchange best practices and build capacity to maximize the economic benefits of renewable as well as of traditional forms of energy, and facilitate public and private partnerships and the transfer of know-how in the energy sector. Against this backdrop, the 2018 Mediterranean Conference and in particular its high-level political segment will focus on how to leverage energy to promote economic growth and co-operation in the Mediterranean region. The conference will bring together key energy experts from the public and private sector from both sides of the Mediterranean to discuss policies, develop strategies and identify business opportunities in this respect.

The first session will be devoted to connectivity, growth and co-operation: the role of energy.

The second session will be focused on the protection of critical energy infrastructure.

The third session will delve into the benefits of renewables.

The Conference will provide the participating States and Partners for Co-operation with an opportunity to exchange views, experiences, best practices, and lessons learned in connection with the role and importance of energy in promoting economic growth and co-operation in the Mediterranean. The Conference will serve as a platform to further develop dialogue and enhance co-operation for the sake of enhancing security in the Mediterranean, in line with the OSCE principles and commitments.

Thursday, 25 October 2018

- Registration of participants
- Opening remarks
- Session I: Connectivity, growth and co-operation: the role of energy
- Coffee break
- Session II: Protecting critical energy infrastructure
- Lunch
- Session III: Reshaping the benefits of renewables
- Cultural event
- Dinner

Friday, 26 October 2018

- Registration of participants
- Opening remarks
- High-level segment: Energy for economic growth and co-operation in the Mediterranean
- Closing remarks
- Closing lunch

II. Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference. The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: 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, Eurasian Economic Union, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, European Union, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, Financial Action Task Force, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Labour Organisation, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-parliamentary Union, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, Middle East and North Africa Region Financial Action Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Union for the Mediterranean, UN Habitat, United Nations, UN Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Cities and Local Governments, UNICEF, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN Women, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the World Bank.

Additional organizations may be invited by the host country to observe the Conference.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

Other countries may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the Conference.

III. Organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.30 a.m. on the first day and end at 2 p.m. on the second day.

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 2018 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will be held in English, French and Spanish with interpretation. This arrangement will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.