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**DECISION No. 1381
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE 2020 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE**

(Vienna, Austria, and via Zoom, 3 November 2020)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 1380 of 8 October 2020 on the date and venue of the 2020 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, to be held in Vienna, Austria, and via Zoom on 3 November 2020, hosted by the Chairmanship of the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation Group,

Decides to hold the 2020 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on the subject “Promoting security in the OSCE Mediterranean region through sustainable development and economic growth”,

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

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I. Indicative agenda

Introduction

At the 2019 OSCE Mediterranean Conference in Tirana, ministers and other high-level representatives of the OSCE participating States and the Partners for Co-operation reviewed the Mediterranean Partnership on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. They concurred that celebrations provided a welcome opportunity to shape the future of the Partnership rather than simply commemorating past achievements. In the spirit of growing co-operation and genuine partnership, the 2019 OSCE Ministerial Council in Bratislava renamed the Mediterranean Contact Group into OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation Group.

Against this backdrop, Sweden as the Chairmanship of the 2020 OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation Group promoted political dialogue with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation on a range of crucial topics with a view to intensifying the exchange of best practices and identifying areas for long-term co-operation. Topics included: information technology and the fight against human trafficking; women, peace, and security; youth engagement and participation to counter violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism.

To conclude the 2020 programme, the OSCE Mediterranean Conference will address the topic of “Promoting security in the OSCE Mediterranean region through sustainable development and economic growth”. The event shall start with a high-level political segment discussing how to promote security through sustainable development and economic growth at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thematic sessions shall then tackle specific aspects, including the economic participation of women and promoting environmental co-operation.

In so doing, the Conference shall provide a platform for “advancing a common approach in tackling challenges ... and seizing emerging opportunities, in a spirit of genuine partnership, co-operation, and ownership”, as called for by the Milan Ministerial Council Declaration on Security and Co-operation in the Mediterranean (MC.DOC/4/18).

Tuesday, 3 November 2020

- Registration of participants
- Opening remarks

- High-level political segment: comprehensive response to current security challenges: promoting security through sustainable development and economic growth during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Lunch
- Session I: Women’s economic empowerment
- Coffee break
- Session II: Promoting environmental co-operation
- Concluding remarks

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 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. The Conference will be a one-day event. This decision is due to the extraordinary and unpredictable circumstances caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, does not establish any precedent for the organization of future Mediterranean Conferences.

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 2020 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will be held in English and French. 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.