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**DECISION No. 1005  
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE  
2011 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE**

Budva, Montenegro, 10 and 11 October 2011

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the offer by Montenegro to host the 2011 OSCE Mediterranean Conference,

Further to the discussion in the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2011 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on the topic “Democratic Transformation: Challenges and Opportunities in the Mediterranean region” in Budva, Montenegro, on 10 and 11 October 2011;

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

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES  
OF THE 2011 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON THE  
MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS AND THE OSCE: DEMOCRATIC  
TRANSFORMATION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN  
THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

Budva, Montenegro, 10 and 11 October 2011

**I. Indicative agenda**

**Introduction**

The events this year of the Arab Spring have demonstrated the aspiration held by the people of the Southern Mediterranean to live in free and democratic societies. Whether by means of gradual evolution or dramatic revolution, Mediterranean countries are responding to calls for change and we are witnessing a democratic transformation throughout the region.

Many participating States, including our host country, Montenegro, have themselves recently experienced this process and the OSCE, with an impressive and comprehensive toolbox, has offered to support the Partner countries in their democratic transition.

With this in mind, the agenda for this year's Mediterranean Conference has been formulated to maximize opportunities for a sharing of best practices and lessons learned by the participating States and the Mediterranean Partners on key, relevant, topics. It is designed to give effect to the commitment in the Astana Commemorative Declaration to enhance the level of the OSCE's interaction with Partners and to provide an opportunity for the Mediterranean Partners to indicate what they would like to see in a possible decision or declaration by the Vilnius Ministerial Council.

**Monday, 10 October 2011**

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| 1.30–2.30 p.m. | Registration of participants   |
| 2.30–3.15 p.m. | Opening ceremony   |
| 3.15–3.30 p.m. | Coffee break   |
| 3.30–5.30 p.m. | Session 1: The role of the police and the armed forces in democratic societies |
|                | – Police reform  |
|                | – Promoting police-public partnership  |

- Democratic control of the armed forces, with reference to FSC Decision No. 1/08 promoting awareness and outreach on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security among the Partners for Co-operation

## **Tuesday, 11 October 2011**

10 a.m.–12 noon	Session 2: Promoting human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Electoral reform</li><li>– Administration of justice to include judicial independence and transitional justice</li><li>– Freedom of the media, including promotion of free and pluralistic media, the role of social and digital media and measures to promote professionalism, accuracy and adherence to ethical standards</li></ul>
12 noon–2 p.m.	Lunch
2–4 p.m.	Session 3: Strengthening good governance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Regulatory reform for effective socio-economic development</li><li>– Measures to combat corruption and money laundering</li><li>– The role of transparency in the promotion of good governance</li></ul>
4–4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30–5.30 p.m.	Concluding session
5.30 p.m.	End of Conference

## **II. Participation**

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

The OSCE institutions, including 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, 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, Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Union for the Mediterranean, United Nations, United Nations Alliance of Civilisations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Bank.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference 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 Conference will begin at 2.30 p.m., (opening ceremony) on Monday, 10 October 2011 and end at 5.30 p.m., on Tuesday, 11 October, 2011.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chair. 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.

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.