The Mediterranean Chapter and the Future of Mediterranean Co-operation

Tuesday, 10th November 2015
Westin Dragonara Resort, St. Julian’s, Malta

9:30-10:30 Keynote Opening Address
Chair: Prof. Stephen Calleja, Director, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC), University of Malta
Dr. Ettore Greco, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, Italy

- The Hon. Dr. George Vella, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malta
- Amb. Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Vienna, Austria

Introductory Remarks
- Amb. Claude Wild, Permanent Representative, Swiss Delegation to the OSCE, Vienna, Austria
- Mrs. Tamara Rastovac-Simashvili, Minister Counselor, Deputy Head of Task Force from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia
- Amb. Gudrun Maria Sräga, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Malta
- Amb. Vittorio Rocco di Torrepadula, Permanent Representative, Italian Delegation to the OSCE, Vienna, Austria

10:30-11:00 Conference Photo and Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Panel 1 - The Historical Dimension - The Mediterranean Chapter of the Helsinki Final Act
Chair: Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, MEDAC

- The context of the drafting of the Mediterranean Chapter, including the role of Malta
  Prof. Dominic Fenech, Head of Department, History, University of Malta, Malta

- The Mediterranean region since 1975
  Amb. Assia Bensalah Alaoui, Ambassador at Large of his Majesty Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, Rabat, Morocco

- Is the Mediterranean Chapter still relevant?
  Dr. Emiliano Alessandri, Programme Officer, Office of the Secretary General, OSCE, Vienna, Austria

12:00-13:15 Panel 2 – The Mediterranean Region in Transition
Chair: Dr. Omar Grech, MEDAC

- The challenge of good governance and the rule of law
  Ms. Natasha Shawarib, Executive Board Member, Sisterhood is Global Institute, Amman, Jordan

- The challenge of combating terrorism
  Dr. Hamid Boukrif, Ambassador at Large in charge of multilateral issues and policy planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algiers, Algeria

- The challenge of addressing irregular migration
  Prof. Dr. Ahmet İşduygu, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Koç University and Director of the Migration Research Center at Koç, Istanbul, Turkey

- The challenge of building politico-military confidence in the Mediterranean region
  Amb. Fred Tanner, Senior Adviser to the Secretary General, OSCE, Vienna, Austria
13:15-14:30  Lunch

14:30-15:45  Panel 3 - The Current State of the OSCE’s Mediterranean Dialogue and Prospects for Future Co-operation
Chair: Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, MEDAC

- Lessons learnt and the future path of co-operation between the OSCE and its Mediterranean Partners
  Dr. Loïc Simonet, Senior External Co-operation Officer, OSCE, Vienna, Austria

- Security Dialogue in the Middle East: Lessons from Europe
  Dr. Anat Kurz, Director of Research, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

- Regional co-operation in the Mediterranean: Is it possible?
  Dr. Ian O. Lesser, Executive Director, Transatlantic Center and Senior Director, Foreign and Security Policy, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Brussels, Belgium

  Dr. Noha Bakr, Professor, Political Science Department, The American University, Cairo, Egypt

15:45-16:00  Coffee Break

16:00-17:00  Panel 4 – Concluding Panel
Chair: Amb. Keith Azzopardi, Ambassador of the Republic of Malta to Austria and the Permanent Representative to the OSCE and the UN Agencies in Vienna

- The way forward for co-operation with Mediterranean Partners: A view from the South
  Amb. Mohamed Lessir, Chairman of the Tunisian Association “Cercle Diplomatique”, Tunis, Tunisia

- The way forward for co-operation with Mediterranean Partners: A view from the OSCE
  Amb. Christian Strohal, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, Vienna, Austria

17.00  Concluding Remarks
Chair: Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC

- Dr. Massimo Carnelos, Counsellor, Policy Planning Unit and NewMed Network Coordinator, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome, Italy

- Mr. Nicolò Russo-Perez, Head of International Affairs, Compagnia di San Paolo, Torino, Italy

- Dr. Joe Borg, Chairman, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta, Malta