

124th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 184

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 162 (PC.DEC/162) of 24 April 1997 on the 1997 Mediterranean Seminar in Cairo,

- Decides to hold the 1997 Mediterranean Seminar on “The Security Model for the twenty-first century: Implications for the Mediterranean basin” from 3 to 5 September 1997 in Cairo; and
- Adopts, after consultation with the participating States and the Mediterranean partners for co-operation, the Agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Seminar as contained in the Annex.

AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
OSCE MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON THE SECURITY MODEL FOR THE
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN

(Cairo, 3-5 September 1997)

I. AGENDA

Wednesday, 3 September 1997

10 a.m. Press briefing by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO)

Opening Statements

- 10.30 a.m. 1. Opening Address by a representative of the host country
2. "From Budapest to Lisbon: Security Model Discussion in the OSCE" - Statement by a representative of the CIO

Coffee break

3. "Dialogue between the OSCE and its Mediterranean partners for co-operation: Prospects and Challenges" - Statement by a representative of Malta
4. Discussion

1 p.m. Lunch break

Session 1

Afternoon Session: Comprehensive Security: Risks and Challenges, Implications for the Mediterranean Basin

- 3 p.m. 1. "Through a Comprehensive Approach to a Common and Undivided Security Space" - Statement by a representative of the Russian Federation
2. "Politico-Military Aspects of Security" - Statement by a representative of the United States of America
3. "The Economic Component of Security" - Statement by a representative of the European Commission/European Union

Coffee break

4. Discussion

6.45 p.m. Reception hosted by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Thursday, 4 September 1997

Session 2

Morning Session: Comprehensive Security: Risks and Challenges (continuation of discussion)

- 10 a.m.
1. "The OSCE and the Scourges of Terrorism, Organized Crime, Drug and Arms Trafficking" - Statement by a representative of Turkey
 2. "Environmentally Sound Development: an Element of the Comprehensive Concept of Security" - Statement by a representative of Algeria

Coffee break

3. "Risk Perception in the Mediterranean" - Statement by Professor Victor-Yves Ghebali, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva
4. "From Confidence Building to Common Approaches" - Speaker to be designated
5. Discussion

1 p.m. Lunch break

Session 3

Afternoon Session: OSCE Responses

- 3 p.m.
1. "Early Warning and Conflict Prevention: OSCE Field Operations" - Statement by a representative of the CIO
 2. "Fair Treatment of Minorities as a Factor in Abating Ethnic Tensions and Preventing Aggressive Nationalism" - Statement by a representative of the High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM)
 3. "Human Rights, Democratic Institution Building and the Rule of Law as an Aspect of Security" - Statement by a representative of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
 4. "Strengthening Security Co-operation with Other Organizations" - Statement by a representative of the OSCE Secretariat

Coffee break

5. Discussion

7 p.m. Dinner, Cultural Programme (optional)

Friday, 5 September 1977

Session 4

Morning Session: Through a Concerted Effort to a Safer World

- 10 a.m.
1. "Europe and the Mediterranean: the Barcelona Process" - Statement by a representative of the European Union Presidency
 2. "Drawing upon Europe's Experience" - Statement by a representative of Switzerland
 3. "MPC Expectations from the OSCE: A view from Tunis" - Statement by a representative of Tunisia

Coffee break

4. Discussion

1 p.m. Lunch break

Session 5

Afternoon Session: Lessons to be Learned

- 3 p.m.
1. "Stability Building in the Region" - Statement by a representative of Egypt
 2. "From Confidence Building to Common Approaches" - Statement by a representative of Israel

Coffee break

3. Discussion

Session 6

- 5.15 p.m.
1. Summaries by the Session Moderators
 2. Concluding remarks by a representative of the host country
 3. Closing press conference

7.30 p.m. Reception hosted by the Representative of the CIO

II. PARTICIPATION

1. The Mediterranean partners for co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia) will attend all the sessions and make contributions to all the meetings.
2. Japan and the Republic of Korea will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar.
3. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar.
4. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar: Organization of African Unity; United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; Council of Europe; the League of Arab States; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Western European Union; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; the Black Sea Economic Co-operation Council; Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) as well as the Commonwealth of Independent States.
5. Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Seminar in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices.
6. Other countries and organizations may be invited by the host country after consultations with the Chairman-in-Office. A list of these countries and organizations will be circulated by the host country at least three weeks in advance of the Seminar.

III. TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

1. The Seminar will begin at 10.30 a.m. (opening ceremony) on 3 September 1997 and end at 6 p.m. on 5 September 1997; working hours will be 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
2. The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by representatives of the Chairman-in-Office.
3. Each session will have a moderator and rapporteur appointed by the Chair. The Consolidated Summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.
4. Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.
5. The working language will be English. At the request of several States interpretation will be provided from and into French. The cost of interpretation will be borne by the OSCE participating States according to the scale of distribution for expenses of the OSCE. Other

common costs of the Seminar will be covered by the host State. Each participant will bear the individual costs of her/his participation (transportation, accommodation, board). These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

6. Other rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Seminar.
7. Rooms for additional ad hoc meetings will be made available to participants. Such meetings will be held without interpretation.
8. Moderators and rapporteurs will be decided at a later stage.