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**2003 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON THE COMPREHENSIVE
APPROACH TO SECURITY: THE OSCE EXPERIENCE AND ITS
RELEVANCE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

The Permanent Council,

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

- Decides to hold the 2003 Mediterranean Seminar in Aqaba, Jordan, on 20 and 21 October 2003, on the topic “The comprehensive approach to security: The OSCE experience and its relevance for the Mediterranean region”;
- Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Seminar, as contained in the annex.

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE 2003 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON THE
COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SECURITY: THE OSCE
EXPERIENCE AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR THE
MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

Aqaba, Jordan, 20 and 21 October 2003

I. Indicative agenda

Monday, 20 October 2003

Opening Ceremony

Chairperson: Representative of the Chairman-in-Office (CiO)

9 a.m. Opening address by a representative of the host country
Statement by a representative of the CiO
Statement by the Secretary General of the OSCE
Guest speaker

10 a.m. Session 1: The Security Dimension

Conflict prevention and confidence-building

Moderator: Representative of a Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation (MPC)

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)

OSCE

MPCs

Academic institution/International organization (IO)

11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.45 a.m.-1 p.m. Discussion

3 p.m. Session 2: The Economic and Environmental Dimension

Capacity-building and poverty reduction

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State
Rapporteur: Representative of an MPC

Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)

OSCE
MPCs
Academic institution/IO

4.15 p.m. Coffee break

4.30-6 p.m. Discussion

Tuesday, 21 October 2003

10 a.m. Session 3: The Human Dimension

Democratic institutions and civil society

Moderator: Representative of an MPC
Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)

OSCE
MPCs
Academic institution/IO

11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.45 a.m.-1 p.m. Discussion

3 p.m. Concluding Session

Chairperson: Representative of the CiO

Reports by session rapporteurs

Discussion on possible further steps to enhance co-operation between the OSCE and MPCs, and among MPCs themselves, in the area of comprehensive security

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country
Concluding statement by a representative of the CiO

5 p.m. End of Seminar

Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia) will attend all the sessions and make contributions to all meetings.

The Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar.

The OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar.

The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Seminar: Adriatic Ionian Initiative, African Union, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 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, GUUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Monetary Fund, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Stability Pact, United Nations, 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, World Bank.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Seminar in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance notification required).

Other countries and organizations may be invited by the host country.

II. Timetable and other organizational modalities

The Seminar will begin at 9 a.m. (opening ceremony) on 20 October 2003 and end at 5 p.m. on 21 October 2003.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office.

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.

Other rules of procedures and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Seminar.

Rooms for additional ad hoc meetings will be made available to participants. Such meetings will be held without interpretation.