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THE MULTILATERAL TRACK OF EURO-MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONS

The Role of the Union for the Mediterranean

3th October 2012

Palau de Pedralbes, Barcelona

DRAFT PROGRAMME*

9.30am-10am **Opening and welcome remarks**

Senén Florensa, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Generalitat de Catalunya and President of the Executive Committee, IEMed

Eudaldo Mirapeix, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

Andreu Bassols, Director General, IEMed, Spain

Keynote speech: Fathallah Sijilmassi, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

10am-1pm **Working session 1: Multilateral relations in the Mediterranean after the Arab Spring**

This session will discuss the prospects for the multilateral framework of Euro-Mediterranean relations as a consequence of the political transformations in the region. It will also analyse the role of the Union for the Mediterranean and its Secretariat and their contribution in the new political context in the Southern shore and the economic crisis in the north.

11.30am-11.45am **Coffee Break**

Introduced and moderated by: **Andreu Bassols**, Director General, IEMed, Spain

Rapporteur and concluding remarks:

Ahmed Driss, Director, Centre des Etudes Méditerranéennes et Internationales, Tunisia

13pm-2.30pm **Lunch**

* The working languages of the workshop will be English and French, with translation provided



2.30pm – 6pm **Working session 2: Sectorial areas of cooperation in the Mediterranean**

This session will provide the state of play of UfM-led projects by the Deputy Secretary Generals with a view to receive the input from experts and participants in the meeting. It will be aimed at identifying the most promising areas of sectorial cooperation and ways to uphold democratic reform through specific projects. Three one-hour and a half long discussions will examine several sub-themes of the current agenda of the UfM.

2.30pm - 3.30pm **Economy and transport**

2.30pm – 3pm

State of play and first comments:

Saki Aciman, Centre d'Etudes des Transports pour la Méditerranée Occidentale, Spain

Contributions by:

Lino Cardarelli, Senior Deputy Secretary General for Project Funding Coordination and Business Development SMEs, Union for the Mediterranean

Yigit Alpogon, Deputy Secretary General for Transport and Urban Development, Union for the Mediterranean

3pm - 3.30pm

Debate among participants

3.30pm - 4.30pm **Energy, environment and water**

3.30pm – 4pm

State of play and first comments:

Omar Shaban, Director, Pal-Think for Strategic Studies, Palestine

Contributions by:

Rafiq Hussein, Deputy Secretary General for Environment and Water, Union for the Mediterranean

Marc Strauss, Senior Advisor for Energy, Union for the Mediterranean

4pm - 4.30pm

Debate among participants

4.30pm -5pm **Coffee Break**

5pm - 6pm **Education and civil society**

5pm - 5.30pm

State of play and first comments:

Bichara Khader, Director, Centre d'Etudes et Recherches sur le Monde Arabe Contemporain, Belgium

Contributions by:

Cecilia Attard-Pirotta, Deputy Secretary General for Social and Civil Affairs, Union for the Mediterranean

Ilan Chet, Deputy Secretary General for Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

5.30pm – 6pm

Debate among participants

6pm -6.10pm **Presentation of the Communication Strategy of the Union for the Mediterranean**

Moez Sinaoui, Senior Advisor, Public Affairs & Communication, Union for the Mediterranean

6.10pm -6.45pm **Concluding remarks**

Fathallah Sijilmassi, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

Andreu Bassols, Director General, IEMed, Spain

Jordi Vaquer, Director, CIDOB Foundation, Spain

Senén Florensa, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Generalitat de Catalunya and President of the Executive Committee, IEMed

7pm **Cocktail offered by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Generalitat de Catalunya**

Draft list of participants:

1. Lotfi Boumghar, Deputy Director, Institut National d'Études de Stratégie Globale, Algeria
2. Rosa Balfour, Head of the Europe in the World Programme, European Policy Centre, Belgium
3. Gunilla Herolf, Member of the board, TEPSA, Belgium
4. Bichara Khader, Director, Centre d'Etudes et Recherches sur le Monde Arabe Contemporain, Belgium
5. Christos Alexandrou, Research Fellow, Cyprus Centre for European and International Affairs, Cyprus
6. Tonci Tadic, President, Euromediterranean Forum, Croatia
7. Hanaa Ebeid, Researcher, Al Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies, Egypt
8. Timo Behr, Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Finland
9. Dorothée Schmid, Responsable du Programme Turquie Contemporaine, IFRI, France
10. Thanos Dokos, Director General, ELIAMEP, Greece
11. Erzsébet Rozsa, Executive Director, HIIA, Hungary
12. Silvia Colombo, Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy
13. Alfred Tovias, Chair, Department of International Relations, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
14. Hani Hourani, Director, Al-Urdun al-Jadid Research Centre, Jordan
15. Robert Naouss, Deputy Director of Communications, Carnegie Middle East Centre, Lebanon
16. Fouad Ammor, Researcher, GERM, Morocco
17. Mustafa Bousmina, Chancellor, Hassan II Academy for Science and Technology, Morocco
18. Nouredine Mouaddib, President of the International University of Rabat, Morocco
19. Omar Shaban, Director, Pal-Think for Strategic Studies, Palestine
20. Patrycja Sasnal, Middle East Analyst, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland
21. Eudaldo Mirapeix, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain
22. Jordi Vaquer, Director, CIDOB, Spain
23. Eduard Soler, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Spain
24. Héléne Michou, Researcher, European Council on Foreign Relations, Spain
25. Haizam Amirah-Fernández, Senior Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano, Spain
26. Alicia Sorroza, Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano, Spain
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30. Pol Morillas, Coordinator of Euromed Policies, IEMed, Spain
31. Ahmed Driss, Director, Centre d'Etudes Méditerranéennes Internationales, Tunisia
32. Mensur Akgün, Director, Global Political Trends Centre, Turkey
33. Sylvia Tiryaki, Deputy Director, Global Political Trends Centre, Turkey
34. Claire Spencer, Head of the Middle East and North Africa Programme, Chatham House, UK
35. Fathallah Sijilmassi, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean
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