
179th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 247

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 232 (PC.DEC/232) of 11 June 1998 on the 1998 Mediterranean Seminar on “The Human Dimension of Security, Promoting Democracy and the Rule of Law” to be held in Valletta, Malta,

- Decides to change the dates of the 1998 Mediterranean Seminar from 28 and 29 October 1998 to 19 and 20 October 1998; 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 HUMAN DIMENSION OF SECURITY,
PROMOTING DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW

(Valletta, Malta, 19-20 October 1998)

I. AGENDA

Monday, 19 October 1998

Opening Statements

9.30 a.m. Opening Address by a representative of the host country

“From Lisbon to Oslo: Security Model Discussion in the OSCE. The Human Dimension Aspect.” - Statement by a Representative of the Chairman-in-Office

(Press to be invited for the opening)

Session 1

Morning Session: The Human Dimension of Security

- 10.15 a.m.
1. “Dialogue between the OSCE and the Mediterranean partners for co-operation: the Human Dimension” - Statement by a representative of Norway
 2. “The Importance of the Human Dimension for Creating a Common Security Space” - Statement by a representative of the Russian Federation; Statement by a representative of Austria-European Union
 3. “The Human Dimension of Security in the Mediterranean Area” - Statement by a representative of Morocco

11.15 -
11.45 a.m. Coffee break

4. “Preventing Threats to the Human Dimension Aspect of Security” - Speaker to be designated
5. “Religious Confidence-Building Measures” - Statement by a representative of Jordan
6. “Promotion of Cultural Understanding. Exchange of Experiences over Cultural Differences between Peoples to the North and South of the

Mediterranean: Working towards Promoting Mutual Understanding in the Area of Cultural particularities” - Statement by a representative of Egypt

Discussion

1 p.m. Lunch break

Session 2

Afternoon Session: Promoting Democracy

- 3 p.m.
1. “Free Elections: Basis for a Democratic Society” - Statement by a representative of ODIHR
 2. “The Role of Freedom of the Media” - Statement by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media; Statement by a representative of Israel

4 - 4.30 p.m. Coffee break

3. “The Human Dimension Aspect of OSCE Missions” - Statement by Ambassador R. L. Barry, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Discussion

6 p.m. End of Session 2

Tuesday, 20 October 1998

Session 3

Morning Session: The Rule of Law

- 10 a.m.
1. “The Rule of Law: International Commitments and National Institutions” - Statement by a representative of Malta
 2. “The Legislative Frameworks for NGO Activity” - Statement by a Central European representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; Statement by a representative of Tunisia

11 -
11.30 a.m. Coffee break

3. “The Role of Information and Education with regard to the Rule of Law” - Statement by a representative of Algeria

Discussion

1 p.m. Lunch break

Session 4

Afternoon Session: Panel Discussion: The Role of International Organizations in the Human Dimension of Security in the Mediterranean

3 p.m. “For Session 4, key-note speakers invited to participate in the Seminar from a limited number of international organizations/institutions and key-note speakers from OSCE institutions will be identified at a later stage.”

4 - 4.30 p.m. Coffee break

Discussion

5.30 p.m. End of Session 4

Closing Session

5.45 p.m. Summaries of Sessions by Rapporteurs

Concluding Remarks by the OSCE Secretary General

6.30 p.m. End of Seminar

II. PARTICIPATION

1. The Mediterranean partners for co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, 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: European Commission; European Union/Barcelona Process; International Committee of the Red Cross; Mediterranean Forum; Organization of African Unity; Organization of the Islamic Conference; United Nations; United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; Council of Europe; Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; the League of Arab States; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Western European Union; Black Sea Economic Co-operation Council; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; 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.

III. TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

1. The Seminar will begin at 9.30 a.m. (opening ceremony) on 19 October 1998 and end at 6.30 p.m. on 20 October 1998.

2. The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative 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. 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.

9. For Session 4, key-note speakers invited to participate in the Seminar from a limited number of international organizations/institutions and key-note speakers from OSCE institutions will be identified at a later stage.