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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

9.30am-10.00am 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

10.00am-1.00pm 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

1.00pm-2.30pm Lunch

2.30pm-6.00pm 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

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 Alpogan, 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

First comments by:

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

5.00pm - 6.00pm Education and civil society

5.00pm - 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 - 6.00pm Debate among participants

6.00pm-6.10pm Presentation of the Communication Strategy of the UFM

Moez Sinaoui, Director of Communication & Public Affairs, 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

7.00pm **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
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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
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10. [Thanos Dokos](#), Director General, ELIAMEP, Greece
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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
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