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SUB-COMMITTEE ON NATO PARTNERSHIPS (PCNP)

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THE ITALIAN DELEGATION TO THE NATO PA*



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MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2012

From 8:00 Registration of participants at the Una Hotel Palace Catania (2nd floor - Sala Etna)

OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

8:30 Welcome remarks by:

- **Antonello CABRAS** (Italy), Chairman of the Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group
- **Raffaele STANCANELLI**, Mayor of Catania
- **Giuseppe CASTIGLIONE**, President of the Catania Province

8:45-9:00 Keynote presentation by **HEM Amre MOUSSA**, Former Secretary General, League of Arab States and Former Foreign Minister, Egypt

9:00-9:15 Presentation by **Souad BEN ABDERRAHIM**, Member of Parliament, Tunisia, Chairperson of the National Constituent Assembly (NCA)'s Legislative Committee on Rights, Freedoms and External Relations, on *Constitutional Reform in Tunisia*

9:15-10:00 Question and answer period

SESSION 1 THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR THE MENA REGION

Moderator **Jean-Luc REITZER** (France), Vice-Chairman of the Economics and Security Committee (ESC)

10:00-10:15 Presentation by **Paolo MAGRI**, Executive Vice-President, Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Bocconi University, Milan, on *The Economic Dilemma of the Arab Countries: Populism vs. Reforms*

10:15-10:30 Presentation by **Dr. Ashraf MISHRIF**, Senior Lecturer in Political Economy, King's College London, on *Economic Reform in the MENA Region - What Needs to Change?*

10:30-11:15 Question and answer period

11:15-11:30 Coffee break

SESSION 2 UPDATE ON THE SITUATION IN SYRIA

Moderator **Marit NYBAKK** (Norway), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on NATO Partnerships (PCNP)

11:30-11:45 Presentation by **HEM Maurizio MASSARI**, Special Envoy of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on *The MENA Region After the Arab Spring: The Italian View*

11:45-12:00 Presentation by **Suadad NAJIM**, First Secretary in Charge of the European Organizations and Institutions, European Affairs Department, League of Arab States, on *The Role of the League of Arab States in Building an International Response to the Syrian Crisis*

12:00-12:45 Question and answer period

SESSION 3
UPDATE ON THE SITUATION IN IRAN

- Moderator** **Ali Riza ALABOYUN** (Turkey), Head of the Turkish Delegation to NATO PA and Vice-Chairman of the GSM
- 14:00-14:15 Presentation by **Dr Arshin ADIB-MOGHADDAM**, Reader in Comparative Politics and International Relations, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, on *Iran's Internal Responses to the Arab Spring and the Implications for its Foreign Policy*
- 14:15-14:45 Question and answer period
- 14:45-15:00 Presentation by **Dr Bruno TERTRAIS**, Senior Research Fellow, Foundation for Strategic Research, Paris, on *Iran's Relations with the West: the Nuclear Issue*
- 15:00-15:30 Question and answer period
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee break

SESSION 4
A NEW DIPLOMATIC GAME IN THE GULF

- Moderator** **Sergio DE GREGORIO** (Italy), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Relations (PCTR)
- 15:45-16:00 Presentation by **Dr Abdul Latif BIN RASHID AL ZAYANI**, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), on *The Role of the GCC in Building Security in the Gulf*
- 16:00-16:15 Presentation by **HEM Vladimir G. TROFIMOV**, Ambassador, General Department for Middle East and North Africa of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on *The Syrian Crisis and Security and Stability Perspectives for the Region*
- 16:15-17:00 Question and answer period

TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2012

SESSION 5
SECURITY AND DIPLOMATIC CHALLENGES IN THE SAHEL

- Moderator** **José LELLO** (Portugal), Vice-Chairman of the Political Committee (PC)
- 9:00-9:15 Presentation by **Mehdi TAJE**, Professor of Geopolitics and International Affairs Expert, University of Tunis, on *Overview of the Sahel Region: What are the Stakes, What are the Risks?*
- 9:15-9:30 Presentation by **Boubacar BA**, Expert, Conflict Prevention and Management, Shared Governance for Peace and Security in Mali, United Nation Development Programme (PGPSP-PNUD), Mali
- 9:30-10:15 Question and answer period
- 10.15-10.30 Coffee break

SESSION 6
MIGRATION FROM THE MENA REGION: DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND SECURITY ASPECTS

- Moderator** Enzo **BIANCO** (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security (CDS), former Minister of Interior
- 10:30-10:45 Presentation by **HE Mr Saverio Ruperto**, **Underscretary of State for the Interior**, Ministry of Interior, Italy
- 10:45-11:00 Presentation by **Stefano MANSERVISI**, Director General, DG Home Affairs, European Commission, on *The European Union Response to the Arab Spring*
- 11:00-11:15 Presentation by **Cesare MERLINI**, Non-resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Italian Institute for International Affairs (IAI), Rome, on *Demography and Other Factors of Change in the MENA Societies*
- 11:15-12:15 Question and answer period

SESSION 7
NATO'S OUTLOOK ON THE MENA REGION

- Moderator** Pierre **LELLOUCHE** (France), former president of the NATO PA
- 12:15-12:30 Presentation by **Nicola DE SANTIS**, Head of the Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Countries Section, NATO Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, on *NATO's Outlook on the MENA Region*
- 12:30-13:15 Question and answer period

CONCLUDING SESSION

- 13:15-13:30 Concluding remarks by **Antonello CABRAS** (Italy), Chairman of the GSM