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ON THE

THE OSCE MEDITERRANEAN DIMENSION

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The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

1. Recognizing that the OSCE maintains special relations with six Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia,
2. Highlighting the increasing attention attributed to the Mediterranean Dimension within the OSCE PA, as reflected in the Parliamentary Conference on the Mediterranean held in Madrid, October 2002, the First Forum on the Mediterranean held in Rome, September 2003, the Second Forum on the Mediterranean held in Rhodes, September 2004, and the Third Forum on the Mediterranean scheduled for Sveti Stefan, October 2005,
3. Recalling that the Helsinki Final Act states that “security in Europe is to be considered in the broader context of world security and is closely linked with security in the Mediterranean as a whole, and that accordingly the process of improving security should not be confined to Europe but should extend to other parts of the world, in particular to the Mediterranean area,”
4. Recalling the importance of tolerance and non discrimination underscored by the participants in the OSCE Seminar on addressing Threats to Security in the Twenty-first Century, held in November 2004 in Sharm El Sheik,
5. Recognizing the importance of the combat against intolerance and discrimination as an important component in the dialogue between the OSCE and its Mediterranean Partners,
6. Emphasizing the importance of trade and economic relations as a pacifying factor within the Mediterranean region, as reflected in the Edinburgh Resolution on Economic Co-operation in the OSCE Mediterranean Dimension,
7. Emphasizing the importance of mutually shared transparency and trust as principles governing the relations between the OSCE and the Mediterranean Partners,
8. Pointing to the need of achieving a just and lasting peace for the conflict between Palestine and Israel,

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9. Stresses the importance of the cooperation between the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation to address the current global threats to security;
10. Encourages the OSCE Participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation to promote the principles of non-violence, tolerance, mutual understanding and respect for cultural diversity;

11. Stresses that the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partner for Cooperation initiate an active dialogue on the growing challenge of migration;
12. Recommends the OSCE to contribute to a more positive perception of migration flows by supporting the integration of immigrants in countries of destination;
13. Welcomes the appointment of the three Chairman Personal Representatives on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, on Combating anti-Semitism, and on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims;
14. Encourages the replacement of unilateral policies for the resolution of conflicts in the Mediterranean by cooperative strategies;
15. Urges all OSCE participating States to cooperate with the Mediterranean Partners on dealing with both “soft” threats to security, such as poverty, disease and environmental degradation as well as “hard” threats such as terrorism and weapons of mass destruction;
16. Calls upon the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners to promote the knowledge of different cultures and religions as a prerequisite for successful cooperation;
17. Calls upon the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners to use education as a vehicle to create tolerance in the next generation;
18. Welcomes the creation in 2005 of a free trade area between Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco, and the extension of free trade between such countries and the European Union by 2010, as established in the 2004 Agadir Accord;
19. Calls upon the OSCE to grant the Palestinian National Authority the status of Mediterranean Partner for Cooperation, following their request on November 2004 and in order to enable it becoming familiar with the OSCE and assimilate its commitments;
20. Recommends further participation of parliamentarians from the Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation in the election observation activities of the OSCE PA.
21. Recommends that the OSCE develops relations with other states in the Mediterranean basin, including Libya, Lebanon and Syria,
22. Encourages the active participation of parliamentarians from both the OSCE participating states and the Mediterranean Partners in the Third OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Forum on the Mediterranean scheduled in Sveti Stefan, Serbia and Montenegro, in October 2005.

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

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