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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

“MEDITERRANEAN POLITICAL TRANSITION”

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Mediterranean Political Transition

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1. Inspired by the movements for freedom and change sweeping across the Middle East and North Africa as citizens of the countries in the region demand respect for their basic human rights, economic opportunity, and open and responsive government,
2. Recognizing the historic and ongoing contributions of the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation to the work of the OSCE and its Parliamentary Assembly,
3. Recognizing the efforts of the people of Tunisia and Egypt to create new representative governments, ensure the rule of law and build democratic institutions, and the work of the governments of Jordan, Morocco and Algeria to accelerate and deepen democratic reforms,
4. Recognizing attempts by the people of Libya and Syria to peacefully assemble in order to exercise their freedom of speech and seek respect for their basic human rights, only to be met by unconscionable violence by their governments,
5. Deeply concerned about the impact of the violence and instability in Libya and Syria on the Mediterranean Partners, and
6. Recalling the proceedings and findings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mediterranean Forums in Rome (2003), Rhodes (2004), Sveti-Stefan (2005), Malta (2006), Portoroz (2007), Toronto (2008), Athens (2009), and Palermo (2010),

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

7. Condemns government sponsored violence against the people of Libya and Syria;
8. Calls on the United Nations, the OSCE, the EU and other international organizations to assist the Mediterranean Partners in their efforts to assist displaced populations and address other needs arising from the instability in Libya and Syria;
9. Urges Mediterranean Partners to solicit OSCE and OSCE PA institutional expertise in governmental reform, election facilitation, and political pluralism to facilitate peaceful regional transition;
10. Encourages Mediterranean Partners to consult OSCE and OSCE PA institutional resources on management of peaceful assembly, press freedom, and civil society capacity development;
11. Commends the incorporation of the Partners for Cooperation into the OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Point Network and encourages their active engagement;

12. Commends OSCE pursuit of “Participatory Workshops on Environment and Security Issues in the Southern Mediterranean Region” to address water security, land degradation, and desertification;
13. Welcomes the establishment of the program providing for the placement of experts from the Partners for Cooperation for a period of four months in OSCE executive structures;
14. Strongly urges all OSCE participating States to contribute robustly to The Partnership Fund in order to support such worthwhile programs and encourage deeper engagement with the Partners for Cooperation; and
15. Calls on the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Secretariat and the OSCE Secretariat to engage the European Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Union for the Mediterranean and the many other Euro-Mediterranean entities in order to facilitate focused and practical cooperation with the activities of the OSCE Mediterranean Dimension.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

on

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