

Annotated Agenda of the 2003 Mediterranean Seminar
“The comprehensive approach to security:
The OSCE experience and its relevance for the Mediterranean region”
Aqaba, Jordan, 20 and 21 October 2003

(as of 15 October 2003)

Monday, 20 October 2003

Opening Ceremony

Chairperson: Ambassador Daan Everts, Personal Representative of the
Chairman-in-Office

9 a.m.

Opening address by H.E. Mr. Shaher Bak, Minister of State, Jordan

Statement by H.E. Dr. Solomon Passy, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Bulgaria and incoming Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE

Statement by Ambassador Daan Everts, Personal Representative of the
Chairman-in-Office

Statement by H.E. Ambassador Ján Kubiš, Secretary General of the OSCE

Guest speaker:

Hon. Mr. Bruce George, President of the OSCE Parliamentary
Assembly

10 a.m.

Coffee break

10.30 a.m.

Session 1: The Security Dimension

Conflict prevention and confidence-building

Moderator: Ambassador Avraham Toledo, Israel

Rapporteur: Mr. Bostjan Malovrh, Slovenia

Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)

Ambassador Omur Orhun, Turkey

Ambassador Yves Doutriaux, France

‘Confidence building and concept of spillover in Mediterranean conflicts’ -
Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Israel

General (Ret.) Ahmed Abdel Halim, Egypt

Dr. Alberto Bin, NATO

Discussion

- 1 p.m. Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jordan
- 3 p.m. Session 2: The Economic and Environmental Dimension
- Capacity-building and poverty reduction
- Moderator: Ambassador Walter Balzan, Malta
Rapporteur: Mr. Jamal Al Shamayleh, Jordan
- Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)
- H.E. Dr. Bassem Awadallah, Minister of Planning, Jordan
Mr. Altay Afandiyev, Head, Department of Economic Co-operation Development, MFA, Azerbaijan
Mr. Marcin Swiecicki, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- 4.15 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.30-6 p.m. Discussion
- Dinner hosted by ASEZA (Aqaba Specialized Economic Zone Authority)

Tuesday, 21 October 2003

- 9.00 a.m. Session 3: The Human Dimension
- Democratic institutions and civil society
- Moderator: Ambassador Afif Hendaoui, Tunisia
Rapporteur: Mr. Spyros Attas, Cyprus
- Keynote speakers: (10 minutes each)
- Ambassador Omar Zniber, Morocco
Mr. Steven Wagenseil, First Deputy Director, ODIHR
Assistant Professor Lars Adam Rehof, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 10.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 10.45 a.m.-12.00 p.m. Discussion
- Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Tourism of Jordan

2.00 p.m.

Concluding Session

Chairperson: Ambassador Ivo Petrov, Chairman of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, Bulgaria

Reports by session rapporteurs

Discussion on possible further steps to enhance co-operation between the OSCE and MPCs, and among MPCs themselves, in the area of comprehensive security

PANEL:

Ambassador Dr. Muhyieddeen Touq, Jordan; Ambassador Guido Lenzi, Italy/EU

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office

4 p.m.

End of Seminar

Optional trip to the Wadi Rum desert and dinner