

NATO & Mediterranean Security: Practical Steps Towards Partnership

Day One – 30 June 2003

0900 – 0930 Registration



0930 – 1040 NATO & the Mediterranean: from Dialogue to Partnership?

Chairman: Rear Admiral Richard Cobbold, Director, RUSI

Keynote address:

0935: Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, Secretary General, NATO

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0955: Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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1015: HE Rachad Bouhlal, Permanent Secretary, Moroccan Ministry for Foreign Affairs & Co-operation

1040 - 1115 Coffee

1115 - 1300 Competing Security Frameworks in the Mediterranean: Does NATO have a Strategic Advantage?

Chairman: Maître Saad Djebbar

There are numerous frameworks for multilateral relations in the Mediterranean region, from NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue to EuroMed to the OECD. Do these frameworks complement one another or are they in competition with one another? What can NATO accomplish in the region that other organisations cannot? Where does its unique advantage lie?

- Ambassador Smail Benamara, Head of the Diplomatic and International Relations Institute Project, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria
- Martin Ortega, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris
- George Joffé, Associate Fellow, RUSI
- Nicola de Santis, Information Officer for Mediterranean Dialogue & Partner Countries, Division of Public Diplomacy, NATO

1300 – 1430 Lunch

1430 – 1600 Building Confidence in the Mediterranean

Chair: Dr Claire Spencer, International Institute for Strategic Studies

How can confidence be built in “the Mediterranean” as a useful concept in dealing with security issues? On a more practical level, what steps can be taken to develop trust and co-operation between Mediterranean states, especially the military?

- General Ahmed Abdul Halim, Egyptian Council of Foreign Affairs
- Dr Fred Tanner, Geneva Center for Security Policy, Switzerland
- Ambassador Hasan Abu Ne'meh, Institute of Diplomacy, Jordan

1600-1630 Coffee

1630 - 1730 Maritime Security in the Mediterranean

Chairman: Michael Codner, Director, Military Sciences, RUSI

The maritime environment poses unique security challenges, from the prevention of terrorist attacks to enhancing control over increasingly porous borders in an increasingly globalised world. What role can NATO play in overcoming these challenges?

- Vice Admiral Ferdinando Sanfelice di Monteforte, Commander NAVSOUTH
- Brigadier Brian Parritt, Chairman & CEO, International Maritime Security

1730 – 1900 Reception

Day Two

0900 – 0930 Registration & Coffee

0930 – 1050 NATO & New Security Threats in the Mediterranean Region

Chairman: The Rt. Hon. Bruce George MP, Chair, Select Committee on Defence, House of Commons

In the post-September 11 environment, it is impossible for conventional security analysis to ignore unconventional threats from terrorism, poorly controlled borders, international crime, WMD proliferation, etc. What can NATO accomplish in this field?

- Dr Steven Larrabee, RAND, USA
- Professor Gerald Steinberg, Begin-Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies, Israel
- John Heffern, Head of Political Section, US Mission to NATO

1050 – 1120 Coffee

1120 – 1300 Developing the Dialogue: Obstacles to Progress

Chairman: Daniel Neep, Head, Middle East & North Africa programme, RUSI

What impedes the development of the Mediterranean Dialogue? This session will examine the political and structural difficulties facing the Dialogue and investigate ways to overcome them.

- General Kadry Said, Military Advisor, Al-Ahram Centre for Political & Strategic Studies, Egypt
- Major General Mohammad K. Shiyyab, Director, Department for Disarmament and Security Studies, Amman, Jordan
- Jon Marks, Associate Fellow, RUSI
- Béchir Chourou, Université Tunis I, Tunisia

1300 – 1410 Lunch

1410 – 1530 From Dialogue to Partnership: Recommendations for the Future

Chairman: Sir Harold Walker, Chairman, Royal Society for Asian Affairs

The final session of the conference will suggest concrete steps that can be taken in order to prepare for the Mediterranean Dialogue's potential shift to a Partnership.

- Ambassador Rachid Driss, *Association des Etudes Internationales*, Tunisia
- Dr Mark Heller, Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies, Israel
- Dr Stephen Calleya, Director of Studies, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta

1530 Closing Speech

Chairman: Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald GCB, Acting Chairman, RUSI

- Jean Fournet, Assistant Secretary General, NATO Division of Public Diplomacy

1615 Closing remarks from Rear Admiral Richard Cobbold, Director, RUSI

1620 Conference ends