WHERE ARE WE? WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?  
Transatlantic Perspectives on the Broader Middle East and North Africa

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Lungotevere delle Armi, 21

FINAL AGENDA

FIRST DAY: Friday, 8 October 2004

1:15 pm  Buffet lunch at the venue of the meeting

2:15 pm  Introductory remarks

2:30-4:00 pm  Session 1: Promoting political reform: lessons learned and new approaches

Speaker: Tamara Cofman Wittes, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.
Respondents: Richard Youngs, Fundacion para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Dialogo Exterior, Madrid; Lecturer, University of Warwick, UK - Saad Eddin Ibrahim, Ibn Khaldun Center for Development, Cairo

4:00-4:30 pm  Coffee Break

4:30-6:00 pm  Session 2: The Future of Iraq. The impact on the nation and the region of unifying and divisive Iraqi trends

Speaker: Peter Sluglett, Department of History, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
Respondents: Yasar Qatarneh, Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan - Toby Dodge, Department of Politics, University of London

8:00 pm  Dinner speech: Amb. Alessandro Minuto Rizzo, Deputy Secretary General of NATO.
SECOND DAY: Saturday, 9 October 2004

9:00-10:30 am  **Session 3: The mutual futures of Israel and Palestine. What transatlantic agenda to revive and help the process?**

Speaker: **Yezid Sayigh**, International Institute for Strategic Studies; Centre of International Studies, Cambridge University  
Respondents: **Margret Johannsen**, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg - **Mark Heller**, Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv University

10:30-11:00 am  **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30 am  **Session 4: Defense cooperation and democratization. NATO role towards the Broader Middle East and the Mediterranean**

Speakers: **Fred Tanner**, Head of Academic Affairs, Geneva Center for Policy Studies - **Nicola de Santis**, Information Officer for Mediterranean Dialogue and Partner Countries, NATO, Brussels  
Respondent: **Stephen Larrabee**, Rand, Washington D.C

12:30-1:30 am  **Round table: Consolidating transatlantic convergence on the Broader Middle East and North Africa**

**Assia Bensalah Alaoui**, Centre for Strategic Studies, Faculty of Juridical, Economics and Social Sciences, Rabat - **Fidel Sendagorta**, Policy Planning Unit, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid - **Riccardo Sessa**, Mediterranean and Middle East Unit, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome - **Nadim Shehadi**, Center for Lebanese Studies, Oxford - **Stefano Silvestri**, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

1:30 pm  **Buffet Lunch**