



INST
052

**EURO-MEDITERRANEAN
PARTNERSHIP**

**Brussels, 19 April 2000 (05.05)
(OR. fr)**

EURO-MED 2/00

COVER NOTE

Subject : Follow-up to Barcelona Conference

- 20th meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Committee for the Barcelona Process: summary of proceedings (Brussels, 13 April 2000)
- 21st meeting of Senior Officials (Brussels, 12 April 2000)

1. The delegations of the Member States of the European Union and the Mediterranean partners will find attached for information the summary record of the twentieth meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Committee for the Barcelona Process held in Brussels on 13 April 2000, drawn up by the Council Secretariat on its own responsibility.

2. In accordance with the procedure agreed at the meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Committee on 26 February 1998, the Secretariat has prepared an informal record on the operations decisions adopted by the Senior Officials on 12 April 2000. This record, drawn up by the Secretariat on its own responsibility for delegations' information, only covers operations decisions adopted by the Senior Officials and thus does not include an exhaustive report on the discussions and proceedings of the meeting. The record can be found in Annex I.

1. The 20th meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Committee for the Barcelona Process was held in Brussels on 13 April 2000. The meeting was chaired by Mr Paulo BARBOSA. The Committee's task, as agreed in the Barcelona Declaration and restated in the ministerial conclusions in Malta and Stuttgart, is to prepare for the next meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, review the development of the Barcelona Process, evaluate progress made in all elements of the Process and update the working programme. A list of participants is attached to this document (Annex II).
2. The agenda comprised the following items:
 - Item 1: Presidency briefing on Libya
 - Item 2: Preparation of the informal ministerial conference in Lisbon (25 and 26 May)
 - Item 3: Commission briefing on the EUMEDIS regional programme
 - Item 4: Updating and approval of the priority action programme on the basis of the Commission's monthly information note – April edition
 - Item 5: Examination of new initiatives (see docs 22, 23 and 24)
 - Item 6: Assessment of the main past activities:
 - = Seminar on Human Rights in the Euro-Mediterranean Judicial Systems (Marrakesh, 18 to 20 February)
 - = Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Investments (Lisbon, 28 February – 1 March) (see doc 18/00)
 - = Ad hoc meeting on the Euro-Mediterranean Observatory for Employment and Vocational Training (Tunis, 31 March and 1 April)
 - = Euro-Mediterranean Conference on the Promotion of Women in Economic Development (Brussels 24 and 25 March)
 - = Initiative for the development of customs cooperation (Marseilles, 3 and 4 April)
 - Item 7: Working languages
 - Item 8: Other business

Before opening the meeting, the Presidency said that the final version of the Commission Methodology Note had been distributed on 17 March (see doc 20/00). Egypt thanked the Commission for drawing up this document which will serve as an important reference point for the Committee's future activities and asked to what extent the Committee had an influence on the funding of projects. In reply, the Commission recalled the Committee's role of monitoring, evaluating and re-orientating existing programmes. As regards the amount of funding, the Commission is the only decision-making body once an initiative has been approved by the Committee. Lastly, the Commission underlined that paragraph 14 of the note makes provision for the revision of procedures, which would be possible once the initiative had been implemented for a certain period.

Agenda Item 1: Presidency briefing on Libya

The Presidency reported to the Committee on the Troika visit to Tripoli on 26 and 27 March where Libya had announced that it would clarify its position after the Euro-African summit. The Presidency underlined that if Libya were ready to accept the Barcelona Process, it would be a factor for strengthening the Partnership.

Syria reiterated the Arab group's request that Libya participate in the Barcelona Process as a full member and that it be invited to the ministerial meeting in Lisbon on 25 and 26 May in that capacity.

Agenda Item 2: Preparation of the informal ministerial conference in Lisbon
(25 and 26 May)

The Presidency gave some preliminary information, subject to confirmation, of the activities planned for the informal ministerial conference. A meeting of Senior Officials would be held on 25 June at 10 00. That evening, the conference would be opened, followed by a dinner for ministers only at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where issues of a political nature would be discussed (political situation in the region; information on the European security and defence policy; and the common strategy for the Mediterranean region). On 26 May at 9.30 the ministers, assisted by one delegate each, would meet to discuss the Barcelona Process, starting with the first chapter. The discussion on the third chapter would continue over lunch. A press conference was scheduled for around 15.00. Given the short time available, the ministers would have to focus on the priority issues. The Presidency would draw up a summary of the discussions on its own responsibility. The Presidency would send a letter of invitation to the ministers outlining the meeting's business. A factual document on the practical details would also be distributed soon, indicating a contact point.

The Presidency, together with the Commission and the General Secretariat, would visit the region at the beginning of May to hold informal discussions on the preparation of the Lisbon meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Commission briefing on the EUMEDIS regional programme

1. The Committee took note of the information given by the Commission on the implementation of the EUMEDIS regional programme (see doc 27/00). The Commission recalled the three aims of this regional programme: creating a network of Information Society Focal Points for the Mediterranean Information Society; interconnecting the European and Mediterranean research networks via the Internet; and lastly, funding pilot projects in 5 sectors. The Commission called for coordination between the Committee members and sectoral coordinators.

Agenda Item 4: **Updating and approval of the priority action programme on the basis of the Commission's monthly information note – April edition**

The Committee reviewed the priority action programme on the basis of the April 2000 edition and took note of the latest information supplied by delegations and the Commission on some of these activities.

Syria restated its position that it could not accept that a meeting be held in an Arab capital, with particular reference to the meeting of Euro-Mediterranean industrial associations due to be held in Tunis on 12 and 13 May 2000.

The Committee agreed to discuss the regional programme on the environment (SMAP) at its June meeting.

The Netherlands distributed a French translation of the study on "Violence and politics in modern society". Algeria reiterated its reservations on this study which it said contained erroneous information about Algeria. Egypt and the Netherlands pointed out that this was not an official document but an academic study for which the authors alone were responsible. The seminar due to be held on 26 September would give the government authorities the opportunity to put forward their views on the study.

Agenda Item 5: **Examination of new initiatives (see docs 22, 23 and 24)**

The Committee approved the following initiatives:

- Water Forum meeting in Tunis (see doc 22/00)
- audiovisual conference (see doc 23/00).

Syria and Libya expressed reservations about the fact that a meeting could be held on Arab territory given the decision taken on 13 March 1999 by the Foreign Ministers of the Arab League.

The Committee held an exchange of views on holding a civil forum in parallel to the Barcelona IV meeting in November 2000 (see doc 24/00). It found that certain aspects still required clarification. The Presidency set a deadline of 10 May. In the absence of reservations by the delegations by that date, the Committee would consider the initiative approved.

Agenda Item 6: Assessment of the main past activities:

- = Seminar on Human Rights in Euro-Mediterranean Judicial Systems (Marrakesh, 18 to 20 February)
- = Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Investments (Lisbon, 28 February-1 March) (see doc 18/00)
- = Ad hoc meeting on the Euro-Mediterranean Observatory for Employment and Vocational Training (Tunis, 31 March and 1 April)
- = Euro-Mediterranean Conference on the Promotion of Women in Economic Development (Brussels, 24 and 25 March)
- = Initiative for the development of customs cooperation (Marseilles, 3 and 4 April)

The Committee assessed past activities as listed under this item on the agenda, some reports on which appear in Partnership documents 18 and 25 rev 1 (the preliminary report on the Seminar on Human Rights in Euro-Mediterranean Judicial Systems was annexed to the monthly programme for April 2000). It took note of the following comments by delegations:

- Belgium said that the final report on the Conference on the promotion of women would be available in three months. Tunisia and the Palestinian Authority expressed satisfaction with this generally successful meeting, which should, in their opinion, be followed by the setting up of a regional programme specifically for women.
- On customs cooperation, France said that it would be presenting a new initiative to implement the practical recommendations made at the meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Working languages

The Presidency opened by emphasising the high degree of understanding for Syria's request, on behalf of the Arab group, to make Arabic a language of the Partnership. Nevertheless, the position of the European Union had not changed since the Committee's last meeting, at which this point had been discussed. While the matter was still under consideration, the Presidency warned the Arab group not to expect any very tangible results. The practical implications of the request needed to be examined further and the working constraints on the Committee borne in mind.

Syria reiterated the Arab group's request that Arabic be made an official language of the Barcelona Process for all meetings. It stressed the large number of participating countries using Arabic. It again mentioned its readiness to discuss the financial costs once when an official decision was taken. Syria asked that this item be tabled for discussion at future meetings of the Committee.

Agenda Item 8: **Other business**

The Committee took note of a memorandum from the Commission on access to its website (see doc 29/00).

Egypt raised the issue of invitations to meetings and requested that the coordinators automatically be sent a copy of these invitations.

The Committee noted that its next meeting would be held on 25 May in Lisbon and that the next formal meeting would be held on 28 June in Portugal.

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP

**21ST MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POLITICAL AND
SECURITY PARTNERSHIP IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BARCELONA
PROCESS**

Brussels, 12 April 2000

INFORMAL RECORD OF OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

- Endorsed Presidency intention to invite Libya to attend the Ministerial think tank meeting in Lisbon on 25-26 May 2000 as a guest of the Presidency.
- Agreed to continue benefitting from Euromesco's contribution ; however, the Commission will circulate a questionnaire to Partners with a view to determining the best ways of improving the network's contribution.
- Took note of Presidency intention to host a joint meeting between Senior Officials and the Euromesco network, in Lisbon on 27 June 2000.
- Agreed to suggest that Ministers at the Lisbon meeting, reiterate their pledge for continue the political dialogue on terrorism with the holding of a third ad hoc meeting before the end of the year.

BARCELONA PROCESS

**TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE
EURO-MEDITERRANEAN COMMITTEE**

Brussels, 13 April 2000

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

ALGERIA

Mr Halim Benattallah

Ambassador, Director-General for Europe, National Coordinator for the Barcelona Process,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algiers

Mr Ali Mokrani

Minister-Counsellor, Mission of Algeria to the European Union, Brussels

CYPRUS

Ms Kalliopi Avraam

Minister Plenipotentiary, Director of the Division for European Union Affairs, Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Nicosia

Mr Kornelios Korneliou

Director of the Permanent Secretary's Office (Contact Point - Senior Officials), Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Nicosia

Mr Andreas Hadjichrysanthou

Second Secretary, Permanent Delegation of Cyprus to the European Union, Brussels

EGYPT

Mr Mahdy Fattalla

Ambassador, Assistant Foreign Minister for the European Affairs, Cairo

Mrs Wafaa Baseem

Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

Mr Ahmad Salama

First Secretary, Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the European Union, Brussels

ISRAEL

Mr David Granit

Director of the "European Organisations" Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem

Mr Samuel Ravel

Minister-Counsellor, Deputy Head of the Mission of Israel to the European Union, Brussels

Ms Aliza Inbal

First Secretary, Mission of Israel to the European Union, Brussels

JORDAN

Dr Umayya Toukan

Ambassador, Head of Mission, Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Ghalib Al-Shawabkeh

Attaché, Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the European Union, Brussels

LEBANON

Mr Fawzi Fawaz

Ambassador, Head of the Mission of Lebanon to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Hassan Abi Akar

Counsellor, Mission of Lebanon to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Sayed Torbey

Counsellor

MALTA

Mr Victor Camilleri

Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Malta to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Alfred A. Zarb

Ambassador, Euro-Med Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Valletta

Dr Elena Grech

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Malta to the European Union, Brussels

MOROCCO

Mr Abdeljalil Saubry

Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Permanent Representation of Morocco to the European Union, Brussels

Ms Latifa Ouzzahra

Office of the State Secretary for Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Rabat

Mr Nouredine Khalifa

Head of Unit, Europe Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Rabat

Ms Sana Kourkmadi

First Secretary, in charge of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, Permanent Representation of Morocco to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Redouane Adghoughi

First Secretary, Industrial and Customs Cooperation, Permanent Representation of Morocco to the European Union, Brussels

SYRIA

Dr Hani Habeeb

Ambassador, Head of the Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Zouheir Jabbour

Counsellor, Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic to the European Union, Brussels

TUNISIA

Mr Abderrazak Attia

Ambassador, National Coordinator, Chargé de Mission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tunis

Mr Mohamed Mezghani

Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Mission of Tunisia to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Khaled Khiari

Counsellor, Mission of Tunisia to the European Union, Brussels

TURKEY

Mr Tomur Bayer

Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Director General for NATO, WEU & Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara

Mr Hakan Aytek

Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate, Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the European Union, Brussels

Ms Aysegül Kandas

Second Secretary, Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the European Union, Brussels

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

Mr Chawki Armali

Delegate-General, Delegation of the Palestinian Authority to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Fathi El-Mohor

Deputy Delegate-General, Delegation of the Palestinian Authority to the European Union, Brussels

OBSERVER

LIBYA

Mr Hamed Ahmed Elhouderi

Ambassador, Head of the Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Brussels

Mr Abdella A. Elhadar

Counsellor, Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Brussels

Ms Siham A. Shaheen

First Secretary, Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Brussels

EUROPEAN UNION

PRESIDENCY

Mr Paulo Barbosa
Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lisbon

PORTUGAL

Ms Regina Marchueta
Director of regional external relations, European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lisbon

Mr Jorge Lobo Mesquita
Middle East and Maghreb Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lisbon

Mr Moreira da Cunha
Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union, Brussels

GENERAL SECRETARIAT/HIGH REPRESENTATIVE

Mr Christian Kudlich
Director, DG E V, Geographical Affairs I

Ms Dominique Sarat
Head of Division, DG E V, Geographical Affairs I, Mediterranean Desk

COMMISSION

Mr Peter Zangl
Director, DG ER, Middle East, South Mediterranean - Horizontal Matters

Mr Patrick Laurent
Head of Unit, DG ER/F.1, Middle East, South Mediterranean - Horizontal Matters

Mr Michael Webb
Deputy Head of Unit, DG ER/F.1, Middle East, South Mediterranean - Horizontal Matters

FRANCE

Mr Jean-Pierre Courtois

Ambassador in charge of the Barcelona Process, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris

Ms France Auer

European Co-operation Direction, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris

Mr Philippe Latriche

Euro-mediterranean contact point in the External Economic Relations Direction,
Ministry of Economy, Finances and Industry, Paris

Ms Caroline Ferrari

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of France to the European Union, Brussels

0 0 0

AUSTRIA

Dr Walter Grahammer

Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vienna

Ms Sigrid Klein

Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, Brussels

BELGIUM

Mr Philippe Jottard

Minister Plenipotentiary, Chargé de Mission, Coordinator for the Barcelona Process

Mr Geert Van Keer

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Belgium to the European Union, Brussels

DENMARK

Mr Herluf Hansen

Ambassador in charge of the Barcelona Process, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Copenhagen

Mr Henrik Bramsen Hahn

Head of Section, Latin America, North Africa and Middle East Department, Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Copenhagen

Mr Søren Jensen

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Denmark to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Martin Ellehøj

Head of Section, Latin America, North Africa and Middle East Department, Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Copenhagen

FINLAND

Mr Garth Castrén

Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Helsinki

Ms Hanna Lehtinen

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union, Brussel

Ms Elina Grönholm

Second Secretary, Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union, Brussels

GERMANY

Mr Manfred Emmes

Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin

Mr Bernd Klope

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union, Brussels

GREECE

Mr Dionyssios Lelos

Minister Plenipotentiary, in charge of the Barcelona process, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens

Mr Dimitris Hatzopoulos

Counsellor, responsible for the Mediterranean Coordination, External Relations with the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens

Ms Rea Raptarchi

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Greece to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Ioannis Papameletiou

Secretary, Permanent Representation of Greece to the European Union, Brussels

IRELAND

Ms Emer Kilcullen

Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Union, Brussels

ITALY

Mr Francesco Cerulli

Minister Plenipotentiary, Euro-Med Partnership, Deputy Director-General for Mediterranean countries and Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome

Mr Luca del Balzo

Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union, Brussels

LUXEMBOURG

Mr Marcel Reimen

Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Roland Engeldinger

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg

NETHERLANDS

Mr Hans Förster

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

Mr Jurgen van der Vlugt

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

Mr Mathijs van Bonzel

Permanent Representation of The Netherlands to the European Union, Brussels

Mr Reinout Vos

Department European Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

SPAIN

Mr Manuel Gómez de Valenzuela

Ambassador for Mediterranean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid

Mr Fidel Sendagorta

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union, Brussels

UNITED KINGDOM

Mr David Frost

Euro-Med Coordinator, Deputy Head, European Union Department (External), Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Mr Jon Elliott

Near East and North Africa Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Ms Victoria Whitford

Permanent Representation of United Kingdom to the European Union, Brussels

SWEDEN

Mr Lars Bjarme

Euro-Med Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm

Ms Louise Drielsma

Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm

Mr Jan Thesleff

Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union, Brussels
