

EuroMed Justice Programme

Seminar on “Enforcement: implementing rules of constraint measures, enforcement authorities and enforcement of judgements” (Rabat, 18-21 July 2005)

Final Declaration

1. The regional seminar about Enforcement: implementing rules of constraint measures, enforcement authorities and enforcement of judgements, third seminar organised under topic 1 on the 'Initiation to and training in cooperation and international judicial mutual assistance in criminal matters' of the EuroMed Justice Programme within the context of the Euro-Mediterranean policy of the EU, supported by the MEDA funds, was held in Rabat on 18-21 July 2005 with the participation of the delegations of the following Mediterranean partners (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Tunisia and Turkey) and EU Member States (Portugal, Belgium, Italy and Spain). In addition to this, this seminar has gathered representatives of EULEC Institution, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the United Nation's mission in Kosovo. The participants(*) are of the opinion that:

in conformity with:

1. The guiding principles of the EuroMed Justice Programme agreed in the framework document adopted in the meeting in Valencia in 2002, i.e. :
 - a. The strengthening of cooperation among Euro-Mediterranean partners in the field of Justice;
 - b. The promotion of an exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices;
 - c. The creation of mechanisms allowing the practical implementation of this cooperation through, for instance, the development of a Euro-Mediterranean network in the field of judicial cooperation;
2. The operational conclusions of the opening conference of the EuroMed Justice Programme held in Brussels on 20 December 2004;
3. The operational conclusions of the first preparatory session of topic 1 of the Programme held in Lisbon on 31 March and 1 April 2005.

They acknowledge that this seminar has allowed them:

- (a) To become familiar with the different realities concerning the enforcement of judgements and judicial acts in each Mediterranean and EU partner and at the international and European level as well as the implementing rules of constraint measures;
- (b) To get a better insight into the enforcement authorities, the international conventions and instruments to facilitate legal mutual assistance in this context;

- (c) To stimulate the exchange of practices and experience and set up contacts among participants in order to promote cooperation with various institutions represented in the field of justice.

The participants take note of the dissemination of this declaration to the European Commission Directorates-General concerned, the EU Member States and the Mediterranean Partners.

Read and approved by all the participants in the seminar.

Rabat, 21 July 2005

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