

## **EuroMed Justice Programme**

### **Seminar on “Definition and criminal indictments. Transversal aspects of organised crime” (Madrid, 14-17 November 2005)**

#### **Final Declaration**

1. The regional seminar about “Definition and criminal indictments. Transversal aspects of organised crime”, first seminar organised under topic 2 on the “Terrorism and interconnection of criminal networks” of the EuroMed Justice Programme within the context of the Euro-Mediterranean policy of the European Union (MEDA Programme of the European Commission (EC)-EuropeAid Co-operation Office), was held in Madrid on 14-17 November 2005. The participants were members of the delegations of the following Mediterranean Partners (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey) and EU Member States (Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Spain and The Netherlands). In addition to this, the present seminar has gathered representatives of the International Criminal Court, the United Nation’s Office on Drugs and Crime and the Council of Europe. The participants(\*) are of the opinion that:

in conformity with:

1. The guiding principles of the EuroMed Justice Programme, 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 meeting of topic 2 of the Programme held in Madrid on 4 and 5 July 2005.

They acknowledge that this seminar has allowed them:

- (a) To become familiar with the different realities concerning the topic of terrorism and analyse transversal aspects of organised crime in their legal international context, among others in the European Union, its Member States and in the Mediterranean Partners;
- (b) To get a better insight into the role of certain institutions like the International Criminal Court, the United Nations, the European Union and the Council of

Europe in the fight against terrorism and the prevention of transnational organised crime;

- (c) To stimulate the exchange of practices and experiences, through working groups and plenary sessions, and set up contacts among participants in order to promote cooperation with the 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.

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(\*) See list in annex