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Middle East – EU 2008
9 November 2007
Ljubljana Hotel&Spa, Ljubljana, Slovenia

THURSDAY, November 8, 2007

20:00 – 21:30   Dinner

FRIDAY, November 9, 2007

9:00 – 10:00   Opening Address
Borut Grgic, Director, Institute for Strategic Studies

Keynote
Matjaz Sinkovec, State Secretary, Cabinet of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

Marc Otte, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

Saeb Ereikat, Chief Palestinian Negotiator of the Palestinian Liberation Organization

10:00 – 12:00   Panel I   Middle East Peace Process
Prospects for 2008
EU role
Moderator
Christian-Peter Hanelt, Senior Expert, Director, Project "Europe and the Middle East",
International Relations Program, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh

Speakers:
Robin Shepherd, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House

Yossi Alpher, Co-Editor, The Bitterlemons Family of Internet Publications; Former Director,
Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv University

Khalil Alanani, Political Analyst, Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya Magazine, Al-Ahram Foundation,
Cairo

Jean Felix-Paganon, Director, North Africa and Middle East Department, Ministry of Foreign
and European Affairs of the French Republic, Paris

12:00 – 13:30   Lunch

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13:30 – 15:30   Panel II   Geopolitics: EU Role in Middle East
Rise of Iran
Security in the Gulf
Future of Lebanon

Moderator
Katja Gersak, Program Manager, Institute for Strategic Studies, Ljubljana

Speakers:
Ibrahim Saif, Director, Center for Strategic Studies, Jordan University, Amman

Walter Posch, Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies

Nassif Hitti, Professor of International Relations, Ambassador, Head of
Paris Mission, Representative to UNESCO, League of Arab States, Paris

15:30 – 15:45   Concluding Remarks
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15:45 – 16:00   Press Conference

19:30   Optional dinner at the Restaurant Pri Vitezu, Breg 20, Ljubljana