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“THE MEDITERRANEAN: OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP EU-GCC RELATIONS?”

10-11 DECEMBER 2009

ROME

Hotel Ponte Sisto – Via dei Pettinari 64

AGENDA

THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER

1:00 pm *Lunch buffet*

2:00 pm **FIRST SESSION** - THE MEDITERRANEAN IN EU-GCC RELATIONS

CHAIR: *Christian Koch*, Director of International Studies, GCC-EU Relations, the Gulf Research Center, Dubai

SPEAKER: *Edward Burke*, Research Fellow, Fundacion para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Dialogo Exterior, Madrid

RESPONDENTS:

- *Saad Abdulrahman Al-Ammar*, Director, Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Riyadh
- *Hassan El-Sayed Ahmed Nafaa*, Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

3:30 pm *Coffee break*

4:00 pm **SECOND SESSION** - ENERGY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE GULF: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYNERGIES

CHAIR: *Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo*, Ambassador, presently Senior Strategic Advisor, Enel, Rome

SPEAKER: *Naji Abi-Aad*, Office of the Deputy Premier, Ministry of Energy and Industry, Doha

RESPONDENTS:

- *Giacomo Luciani*, Director, Gulf Research Center Foundation, Geneva Office
- *Nazim C. Zouiouèche*, Chairman of the Board, Medex Petroleum, Paris

8:00 pm *Welcome Dinner*

FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER

9:00 am **THIRD SESSION** - INVESTMENT FROM THE GCC AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: THE OUTLOOK FOR FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC EU-GCC COOPERATION

CHAIR: *Hassan El-Sayed Ahmed Nafaa*, Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

SPEAKER: *Bénédict de Saint-Laurent*, General Delegate, Anima Investment Network, Marseille, France

RESPONDENTS:

- *Abdulmuhsin bin Abdulaziz Al-Akkas*, Former Member of the Saudi Cabinet, Riyadh
- *Franco Zallio*, Senior Consultant, Mediterranean and the Middle East – Russia, Milan

10:30 am *Coffee break*

11:00 am **FOURTH SESSION** - EU AND GCC STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL INTERESTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE

CHAIR: *Michael Bauer*, Research Fellow, Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich

SPEAKER: *Roberto Aliboni*, Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

RESPONDENTS:

- *Riad Kahwaji*, Chief Executive Officer, Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis, Dubai
- *Stefano Silvestri*, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

12:30 am **ROUND TABLE:** CONCLUSIONS

CHAIR: *Stefano Silvestri*, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

- *Sheikh Jaber Duaij al Sabah*, Ambassador of Kuwait in Italy, Rome
- *Dominic Porter*, Deputy Head of Unit for Relations with Gulf States, Iran, Iraq and Yemen, Directorate General for external Relations, European Commission, Brussels
- *Tim Niblock*, Director, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, UK
- *Stefano Queirolo Palmas*, Head of Gulf Countries Office, Directorate General for the Countries of the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome

1:30 pm *Lunch buffet*

END OF THE SEMINAR

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