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Deep Maghreb: (in)security and stability

North Africa and its Sahel dimension

High Level Seminar

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WEDNESDAY, 30TH OF NOVEMBER

14,30-15,30 *Registration and welcome coffee*

15,30-15,40 *Welcome remarks*

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome
- **František Miřánek**, Dean, NATO Defense College, Rome

15,40-17,20

THE MAGHREB REGION: (IN)SECURITY AND BEYOND

The Maghreb region is of great strategic importance and is an essential contributor to international security. It is also marked by a lack of regional co-operation, which hampers an effective shared security and development. What are the means and the policies to proceed into this new course? How can external partners assist?

Chair: **Aziz Mekouar**, special adviser to the Presidency at the Banque Marocaine du Commerce Extérieur, Rabat

- ❑ **Hafida Benchehida**, Senator of the Algerian Parliament, Foreign Affairs Committee, Algiers
- ❑ **Mariem Ben Hassine**, Deputy Head Middle East and North Africa Section in the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division of NATO, Brussels
- ❑ **Issandr El Amrani**, Director of the Crisis Group's North Africa Project, Brussels
- ❑ **Mahmoud Gebril**, Former Prime Minister, Tripoli

Q&A

17,20-19,00

NORTH AFRICA: BETWEEN TWO SEAS

The region lies between a Mediterranean sea open to commerce, energy and financial flows, and a Saharan sand sea increasingly insecure due to organised crime, contraband, terrorism and illegal migrations. How do they affect the overall scenario and the regional geopolitics? what are the risks and the diverging/converging interests? Is it possible to transform this arc into an arc of opportunities?

Chair: **Mohamed Jalel Ghedira**, Member of the Tunisian Parliament, Committee for the Administration of the Armed Forces, Tunis

- ❑ **Youssef Amrani**, Senior Officer, The Royal Cabinet, Rabat
- ❑ **Dalia Ghanem-Yazbeck**, El Erian Fellow at the Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut
- ❑ **Dahan Ahmed Mahmoud**, former Mauritanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director of the Mauritanian Institute for Strategic Studies, Nouakchott
- ❑ **Mouhamadou El Hady Ba**, Scientific Committee, IPODE (Innovations Politiques & Démocratiques), Dakar

Q&A

19,00-19,10

Final remarks

Mamadou Diallo Bhatia, Minister of Defense of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nouakchott

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