



Casablanca, October 30th, 2011

Dear Mr. Capasso,

It is with a great pleasure that we announce to you the new date of our seminar “Youth and Democratic Transition in the Mediterranean” which will be held on 9, 10, 11 December in Rabat.

The Mediterranean region, especially the countries of the south are passing through a historical moment at the pace of social claims which is primarily a matter of will to get rid of self-censorship and fear, the ability to mobilize and then force confront, and finally believing in change. Young people today play a major role in this political and social initiative. Indeed, the Mediterranean young people are trying to build a new political reality in the region which may lead to a democratic transition.

Several revolts took place, reflecting the aspirations of the people of the south shore of the Mediterranean to the establishment of a democratic society based on principles of human dignity, equality and equity in order to establish a just and lasting peace.

To analyze the situation in the Mediterranean and discover ways that can facilitate the transition of democracy in the region, the Non-Governmental Platform Euromed in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, is pleased to invite you to a conference under the theme:

Youth and Democratic Transition in the Mediterranean

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Rabat

This seminar will be attended by several institutions Euromed, and the participation of young people especially those who initiated the democratic revolutions in progress in the region.

Some preliminary questions may be used to benefit from the discussions and recommendations of this conference:


- What is our reading of the situation of youth today and what are the aspirations of Mediterranean youth?
- What is the role of youth in the project of building the rule of law in the Southern Mediterranean?
- What are the possible rapprochement between young people from both shores of the Mediterranean (north and south), as part of a joint action, even within the current changes in order to establish democracy and governance in the Mediterranean?

It is important to note that our seminar will be held just after the first signs of the Arab Spring. After ten months, we see that elections took place in Tunisia, and it will take place in Egypt and in Morocco in order to achieve a democratic transition in the region. This seminar is a real opportunity to discuss the process of democratization in the Mediterranean based on concrete examples, and it is also the occasion to give opportunity to the platform and the political actors in the region to network with youth movements and NGOs in order to rethink about a future Euromed Youth Network, which will articulate and coordinate youth activities in the region.

We have the pleasure to invite you to our conference; we believe that your participation will be an important added value in order to conduct a reflection on the current situation in the Mediterranean. We inform you that we will take care of your stay in Morocco.

We are looking forward to meeting you in the conference, and we are counting on your contributions in our activity.

Sincerely yours,


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