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BEYOND
TURMOIL,
A **POSITIVE**
AGENDA

ROME 30.11 > 02.12.2017

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ABOUT MED

MED - MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

is the annual high-level initiative promoted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and ISPI (Italian Institute for International Political Studies) in Rome.

The event aims at drafting a **“positive agenda”** for the Mediterranean by stimulating debate and promoting new ideas, rethinking traditional approaches and addressing shared challenges at both the regional and the international level.

Rome MED builds upon **four pillars**:

Shared Prosperity, Shared Security, Migration, and Civil Society and Culture.

Debates on these topics are intended to complement analyses of current challenges with new ideas and suggestions to scale-up economic cooperation, overcome regional rivalries and conflicts, and ensure that adequate incentives for sustainable development are set in motion.

Under the **“Shared Prosperity”** pillar, particular attention is devoted to the role that business leaders and civil society can play to foster prosperity and political stability in a region where new opportunities may be seized.

In order to take full advantage of such opportunities, today's threats and challenges need to be addressed. Discussions on **“Shared Security”** are focused on viable strategies to avoid further turmoil, fight terrorism and promote successful post-conflict transitions and institution-building, thus enhancing resilience in Mediterranean countries.

Another important challenge hinges upon the management of surging migratory flows that pass through or settle in the region. The **“Migration”** pillar encourages discussion about migration-related topics, including: identifying safe and legal routes for asylum seekers; fostering social inclusion; and efficiently combining counter-trafficking policies with the respect of human rights.

The **“Civil Society and Culture”** pillar allows to put all these challenges into perspective by acknowledging that the Mediterranean region is a unique “melting pot” of cultures and religions, with important historical legacies, and a rich natural and cultural heritage.

With a view to providing a useful tool to further stimulate debate on the four pillars during ROME MED and beyond, ISPI and MED scientific partners produced the **MED Report** *“Looking ahead: charting new paths for the Mediterranean”*.



ANGELINO ALFANO

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

ISPI

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FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STUDIES

The Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) is an independent, non-partisan think tank providing leading research and viable policy options to government officials, business executives and the public at large wishing to better understand international issues.

Founded in 1934 in Milan, ISPI has always adopted a pragmatic approach in analyzing geographical areas and topics of particular interest to Italy and Europe. ISPI is the only Italian Institute - and among the few in Europe - combining policy-oriented research with an equally significant commitment to education and training, to conferences and advice on international trends. In particular, the Institute is Italy's main forum for debate on international affairs, and promotes international events including annual conferences (such as Rome MED), bilateral dialogue Forums with France, Germany, Switzerland and Russia, and closed-door meetings for selected audiences.

In over 80 years, ISPI has built an extensive network of think tanks in Europe and across the world and since 2014 it is the think tank representing Italy in the Think20 (T20), an advisory body of the G20.

2017

IN NUMBERS



3 + 1

DAYS OF MEETINGS

20

PRELIMINARY MEETINGS

4

PILLARS

SHARED PROSPERITY

SHARED SECURITY

MIGRATION

MEDIA, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

45

HEADS OF STATE, MINISTERS
AND TOP REPRESENTATIVES
OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS

800

LEADERS IN BUSINESS,
POLITICS AND CULTURE

80

THINK TANKS AND
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

56

COUNTRIES

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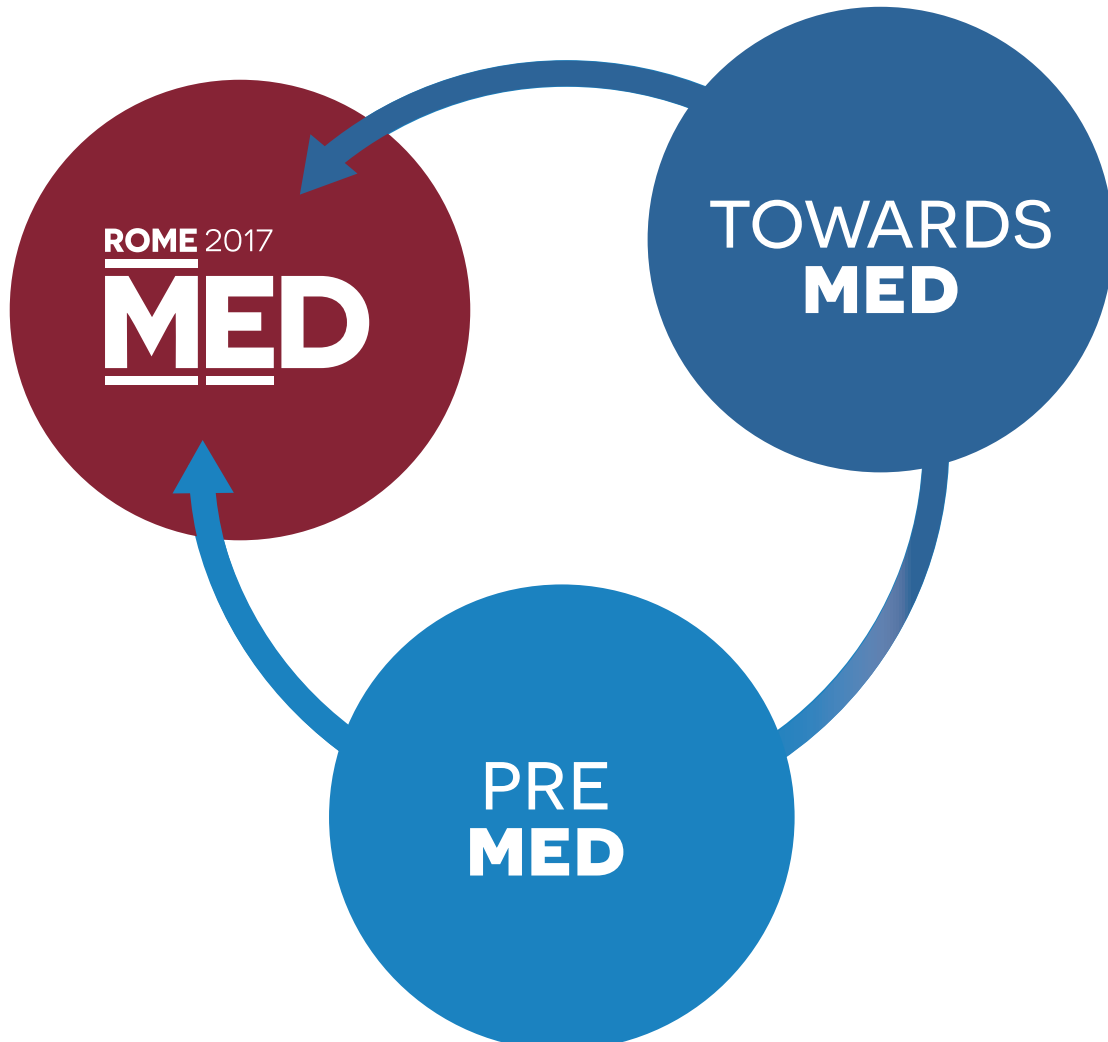
MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

ROME MED AS A HUB OF MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

The 3rd edition of **ROME MED Mediterranean Dialogues** was preceded by meetings for selected audiences: 10 **Towards MED** events in 5 cities from June to December 2017, and 10 **Pre-MED** meetings in Rome just before ROME MED. They were intended to address some of the most **pressing and topical challenges** to the Mediterranean region by bringing together institutional actors, experts, civil servants, and top representatives of the international business community and the media.

Participants were offered the opportunity to discuss **viable options** to foster dialogue and enhance cooperation in a context of equitable and sustainable growth, address key topics such as business, energy, religion and sport and discuss the role of women, youth, think tanks, policy planners and the media.

All this contributed to turn Rome into a **global hub for high-level dialogues** drafting a positive agenda for the Mediterranean.



TOWARDS MED

● 19 JUNE | BOLOGNA

LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES
in cooperation with
The European Academy of Religion

● 19/21 SEPTEMBER | AMMAN

MENA THINK TANK SUMMIT
in cooperation with
JCSS University of Pennsylvania

● 2 OCTOBER | ROME

RUSSIA, THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE MIDDLE EAST
in cooperation with
RIAC

● 12 OCTOBER | ROME

FROM SYRIA TO LIBYA: THE ARC OF INSTABILITY
in cooperation with
Atlantic Council

● 16 OCTOBER | BRUSSELS

TERRORISM IN EUROPE AFTER THE FALL OF THE CALIPHATE
in cooperation with
Egmont

● 26 OCTOBER | MILAN

MANAGING MIGRATION IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN
in cooperation with
IEMed Union for the Mediterranean Medthink 5+5

● 13 NOVEMBER | MILAN

HOMEGROWN TERRORISTS: WHO THEY ARE?
HOW TO COUNTER THEM?

● 17 NOVEMBER | BRUSSELS

BEYOND CRISIS: IDENTIFYING TOP PRIORITIES IN NORTH AFRICA FOR 2018
in cooperation with
International Crisis Goup

● 21 NOVEMBER | MILAN

A NEW DEAL FOR LIBYA: THE ROAD AHEAD
in cooperation with
U.S. Consulate General

● 23 NOVEMBER | ROME

THE SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: A VIEW FROM TURKEY

PRE MED

● 29 NOVEMBER | ROME

WOMEN'S FORUM
WOMEN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION: DRIVERS FOR CHANGE

POLICY PLANNERS' FORUM

EXCHANGING VIEWS AND IDEAS ON THE FUTURE OF THE "GLOBAL MEDITERRANEAN"

YOUTH FORUM

MED YOUNG LEADERS: CONNECT AND ENGAGE

RELIGION FORUM

RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: SETTING A MEDITERRANEAN AGENDA

ENERGY FORUM

THE GRAND ENERGY TRANSITION: EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, NORTH AFRICA AND EUROPE

SPORT FORUM

SPORT NOSTRUM: FOSTERING DIALOGUE AND SOCIAL INNOVATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

● 30 NOVEMBER | ROME

EURO-MED THINK TANK FORUM

THINK TANKS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: POLICY OPTIONS TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

MEDIA FORUM

FROM THE WEB UP: BUILDING SOCIETIES THROUGH NEW DIGITAL TOOLS. THE CHALLENGE OF DEMOCRACY IN THE INTERCONNECTED MEDITERRANEAN

BUSINESS FORUM

DRIVERS OF COMPETITIVENESS IN THE MENA REGION

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

WATER AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN: YOUTH & INNOVATION

MED DIALOGUES

● 30 NOVEMBER | ROME

WELCOMING REMARKS / KEYNOTE SPEECHES

PLENARY

BEYOND THE CRISES: TOWARDS A NEW REGIONAL BALANCE?

DIALOGUE: A VIEW FROM IRAN

DIALOGUE: A VIEW FROM LIBYA

DIALOGUE: A VIEW FROM CHINA

● 1 DECEMBER | ROME

BREAKFAST POLICY FORUM

LIBYA:

ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS
(coordinated by ISPI)

GOVERNING LOCAL IDENTITIES:

DECENTRALIZATION AS A SOLUTION?
(coordinated by DGAP and MERI)

IRAN'S POLITICAL CHALLENGES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
(coordinated by IFRI)

PROMOTING INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
(coordinated by BRUEGEL and OCP)

PLENARY

ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AND INVESTMENTS: A TOOL FOR GROWTH

DIALOGUE: A VIEW FROM EGYPT

DIALOGUE

PLENARY SESSIONS

SHARED SECURITY COMMON STRATEGIES

DIALOGUE AT WORK: CULTURE, SPORT & CIVIL SOCIETIES

PLENARY SESSIONS

ENERGY FOR PEACE: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

ROOTING OUT RADICALIZATION: EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES

PLENARY

MANAGING MIGRATION TOGETHER: BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP

DIALOGUE: A VIEW FROM RUSSIA

DIALOGUE: A VIEW FROM SAUDI ARABIA

● 2 DECEMBER | ROME

PLENARY

THE US ADMINISTRATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST

DIALOGUE

TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN PROSPERITY

DIALOGUE: A VIEW FROM QATAR

DIALOGUE

DIALOGUE

CLOSING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30

14.00
FERNANDES
ROOM

Welcoming Remarks

Giampiero MASOLO, President, ISPI, Italy
Claudio DESCALZI, CEO, Eni, Italy
Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo, Italy

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

Angelino ALFANO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Michel AOUN, President, Lebanon

At the presence of the President of the Italian Republic
Sergio MATTARELLA

15.30

PLENARY

**BEYOND THE CRISES:
TOWARDS A NEW REGIONAL BALANCE?**

Chair: **Thomas GOMART**, Director, IFRI, France

Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT, Secretary General, Arab League
Ibrahim AL-JAAFARI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq
Yousef bin Ahmad AL-OTHAIMEEN, Secretary General, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
Robert MALLEY, Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA

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Roberta PINOTTI, Minister of Defence, Italy
"A Wider Security for the Mediterranean Region: the Italian View"

17.00

A VIEW FROM IRAN

Mohammad Javad ZARIF, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran
in conversation with **Monica MAGGIONI**, President, Rai
and **Nicolas PELHAM**, The Economist

17.30

A VIEW FROM LIBYA

Ahmed Omar MAITEEG, Vice President, Presidential Council, Libya
in conversation with **Alberto NEGRI**, Il Sole 24 Ore
and **Francesca PACI**, La Stampa

18.00

A VIEW FROM CHINA

Ying FU, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National People's Congress, China
in conversation with **Mark LEONARD**, Director, ECFR

Cocktail followed by a private visit at the
BORGHESE GALLERY
(by invitation only)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

08.30

SFORZA
ROOMS

BREAKFAST POLICY FORUM

LIBYA: ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS

coordinated by ISPI

Chair: **Arturo VARVELLI**, Co-Head, Middle East and North Africa Centre, ISPI, Italy

Ehab ABDULGADER, Director and COO, PetroGas, Libya
Zuhir A. Ali MAHMUD, Development Programs Advisor, Presidential Council GNA, Libya

Mustafa SANALLAH, CEO, National Oil Company, Libya
Omar TARHUNI, Advisor and Consultant, Presidential Council GNA, Libya

Tarik M. YOUSEF, Member, Board of Directors, Libya Central Bank

GOVERNING LOCAL IDENTITIES: DECENTRALIZATION AS A SOLUTION?

coordinated by DGAP and MERI

Chair: **Dina FAKOUSSA**, Head, Middle East and North Africa Programme, DGAP, Germany

Dlawer ALA'ALDEEN, President, MERI, Iraq
Ranj ALAALDIN, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Doha, Qatar
Virginie COLLOMBIER, Research Coordinator, Middle East Directions Programme, EUI
Nafti MAHDI, Member, Constituent Assembly, Tunisia

IRAN'S POLITICAL CHALLENGES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

coordinated by IFRI

Chair: **Dorothee SCHMID**, Head of Turkey and Middle East Program, IFRI, France

Matthieu ETOURNEAU, Managing Director, French Business Center of Tehran, Iran

Vali NASR, Dean, SAIS Johns Hopkins, USA

Seyed Mohammad Kazem SAJJADPOUR, Head, Center for International Research and Education of Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and President, IPIS, Iran

PROMOTING INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

coordinated by BRUEGEL and OCP Policy Center

Chair: **Maria DEMERTZIS**, Deputy Director, Bruegel, Belgium

Karim EL AYNAOUI, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center, Morocco

Slim GHORBEL, Executive Board Member, Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA), Tunisia

Michael KÖHLER, Director, Neighbourhood South, DG NEAR, European Commission

Jacques J. SARRAF, Honorary President, BusinessMED and Chairman, Malia Group, Lebanon

10.00

FERNANDES
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PLENARY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS: A TOOL FOR GROWTH

Chair: **Andrea BIGNAMI**, Sky TG24

Thamer ALFAILAKAWI, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development

Saad Ahmed AL-MOHANNADI, President, Ashghal, Qatar

Fouad MAKHZOUMI, Executive Chairman and CEO, Future Pipe Industries, Lebanon

Beniamino QUINTIERI, President, SACE, Italy

Naguib SAWIRIS, CEO, Orascom - Telecom Media and Technology Holding, Egypt

11.15

A VIEW FROM EGYPT

Sameh Hassan SHOUKRY, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

in conversation with **Gerardo GRECO**, Rai

and **Nicolas PELHAM**, The Economist

11.45

DIALOGUE

Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President, European Commission

in conversation with **James POLITI**, Financial Times

and **Maha YAHYA**, Director, Carnegie Middle East Center, Lebanon

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

12.15

PLENARY SESSIONS

▶ **FERNANDES ROOM**

**SHARED SECURITY,
 COMMON STRATEGIES**

Chair: **Giampiero MASSOLO**, President, ISPI, Italy

Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo, Italy

Youssef AMRANI, Advisor of the King, Morocco
Alistair BURT, Minister of State for the Middle East,
 Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK
Rose GOTTEMOELLER, Deputy Secretary General, NATO
Ahmet YILDIZ, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,
 Turkey

▶ **SFORZA ROOM**

**DIALOGUE AT WORK:
 CULTURE, SPORT & CIVIL SOCIETIES**

Chair: **Maria CUFFARO**, Rai

Lea BAROUDI, Co-Founder and Director, March, Lebanon
Hind Aboud KABAWAT, Member of the Syrian High
 Negotiations Committee; Director of Interfaith
 Peacebuilding Center, George Mason University, USA
Honey THALJIEH, Save the Dream Ambassador;
 Co-founder of the Palestinian Women's National
 Football Team; FIFA Manager
David Sergio TREZEGUET, Sport Ambassador,
 Save the Dream Foundation

13.30

▶ **BUFFET LUNCH**

15.00

PLENARY SESSIONS

▶ **FERNANDES ROOM**

**ENERGY FOR PEACE:
 TURNING CHALLENGES
 INTO OPPORTUNITIES**

Chair: **Claire SPENCER**, Senior Fellow,
 Chatham House, UK

Claudio DESCALZI, CEO, Eni, Italy

Talal AL-RAHBI, Deputy Secretary General,
 Supreme Council for Planning, Oman
Fatih BIROL, Executive Director, International Energy Agency
Tarek EL MOLLA, Minister of Petroleum
 and Mineral Resources, Egypt

▶ **SFORZA ROOM**

**ROOTING OUT RADICALIZATION:
 EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

Chair: **Stefano POLLI**, ANSA

Alain AOUN, Vice Chair, Defence and Interior Committee,
 Lebanese Parliament
Abdelhak BASSOU, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center,
 Morocco
Olivier ROY, Joint Chair in Mediterranean Studies, EUI
Lorenzo VIDINO, Head, Radicalization
 and International Terrorism Center, ISPI, Italy

16.15

**FERNANDES
 ROOM**

**PLENARY
 MANAGING MIGRATION TOGETHER: BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP**

Chair: **Paolo MAGRI**, Executive Vice President and Director, ISPI, Italy

Filippo GRANDI, High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations

Mario GIRO, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Khemaies JHINAOU, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia
Abdelkader MESSAHEL, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Algeria
Ibrahim YACOUBOU, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Niger

Fatma ŞAHIN, Mayor of Gaziantep, Turkey

18.00

A VIEW FROM RUSSIA

Sergej LAVROV, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
in conversation with **Giancarlo ARAGONA**, Senior Advisor, ISPI, Italy
and **Vali NASR**, Dean, Johns Hopkins University, USA

18.45

A VIEW FROM SAUDI ARABIA

Adel AL-JUBEIR, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia
in conversation with **Monica MAGGIONI**, President, Rai *and* **Maurizio MOLINARI**, Editor in Chief, La Stampa

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

08.30
FERNANDES
ROOM

PLENARY

THE US ADMINISTRATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Chair: **James MCGANN**, Professor, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Ian LESSER, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Belgium

Robert MALLEY, Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA

Walter Russell MEAD, Editor, The American Interest, USA

10.00

DIALOGUE

TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN PROSPERITY

Siqing CHEN, Chairman, Bank of China

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Jeffrey D. SACHS, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA

.....
M.J. AKBAR, Minister of State for External Affairs, India

in conversation with **Andrea CABRINI**, CLASS CNBC

10.45

A VIEW FROM QATAR

Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim AL-THANI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

in conversation with **Alberto NEGRI**, Il Sole 24 Ore

and **David HEARST**, Middle East Eye

11.15

DIALOGUE

Ghassan SALAMÉ, Special Representative and Head of UNSMIL, United Nations

in conversation with **Giorgio ZANCHINI**, Rai

and **Sami ZAPTIA**, Libya Herald

11.45

DIALOGUE

Abraham YEHOSHUA, Writer, Israel

in conversation with **Enrica TONINELLI**, Rai

12.15

CLOSING

Angelino ALFANO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

Paolo GENTILONI, President of the Council of Ministers, Italy

At the presence of the President Emeritus of the Italian Republic and Honorary President of ISPI

Giorgio NAPOLITANO

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ROME MED HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN MINISTERS



MICHEL AOUN
President, Lebanon



SERGIO MATTARELLA
President of the Italian Republic



PAOLO GENTILONI
President of the Council
of Ministers, Italy



AHMED OMAR MAITEEG
Vice President, Presidential Council,
Libya



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BIN ABDULRAHMAN
BIN JASSIM AL-THANI**
Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Qatar



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Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq



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