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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

13 October 2011

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 30 September 2011, inviting me to address the opening ceremony of the 6th Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, which will be held in Palermo, Italy, on 29 October 2011. I am also appreciative of the update you provided on the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean in recent months.

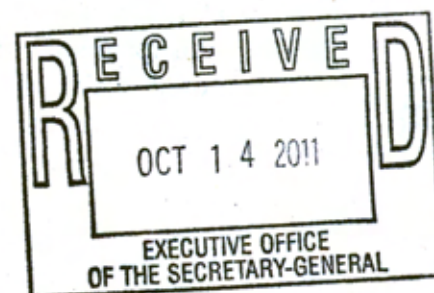
Whilst I will be unable to attend the said opening session in person, due to prior engagements, I am pleased to inform you that I will – as I did last year – address a written message to the Parliamentary Assembly. In my written message I will stress the importance I ascribe to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly in pursuing a more peaceful and secure world and encourage participants to continue their efforts in forging an even closer relationship with the United Nations.

I wish you a very successful opening session and look forward to learning about the outcome of the participants' deliberations on the wide range of issues that are up for discussion, including the Peace Process in the Middle East, the democratic transition in North Africa and the situation in Syria.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency
Dr. Sergio Piazzi
Secretary General
Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean
St. Julians



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To help build this future, I believe the world must focus on five imperatives: first, sustainable development; second, conflict prevention; third, standing up for democracy and human rights; fourth, supporting countries in transition; and fifth, working with and for women and young people.

As I told the 125th Assembly of the Interparliamentary Union just two weeks ago in Berne, parliamentarians have a crucial role to play in advancing this work. As legislative organs, you provide the enabling national framework and resources for change. As representative bodies, you embody the will and hopes of the people, and serve as important links between the local and the global. Taken together, your membership has the power to positively touch the lives of millions of people. I very much hope that the United Nations and the PAM will continue to strengthen our relationship and work even more closely together in our shared effort to build a better world for all.

Thank you again for your support. Please accept my best wishes for a successful gathering.



Attn. Dr. Sergio Piazzi - Secretary-General's message to the Parliamentary
Assembly of the Mediterranean, Palermo, 29 October

Ruxandra Ferascu to: secretariat

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Cc: Stephen Paparo

Dear Dr. Piazzi,

Further to your letter of 30 September 2011 to the Secretary-General I am pleased to send you the Secretary-General's message to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, along with our best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

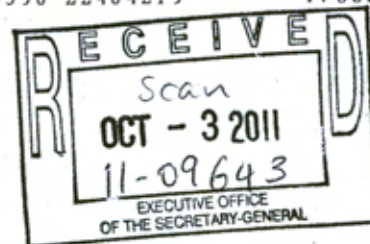
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St. Julians, 30 September 2011

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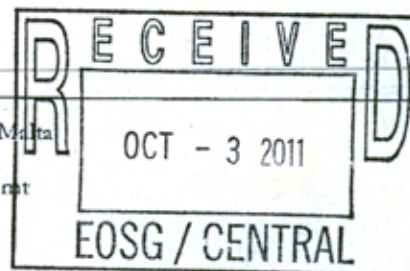
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Following bilateral consultations this month with the Libyan NTC, UN senior officials in New-York, and in Washington D.C. with US Department of State, Senate and Congress representatives, a PAM high-level delegation will pay a visit to Tripoli in the coming days to discuss multilateral assistance to the Libyan authorities in facilitating the constitutional process and the building of democratic institutions, as well as to provide the necessary legislative expertise and assistance. PAM has received a specific request for assistance on the above-mentioned issues, directly by the National Transitional Council of Libya.

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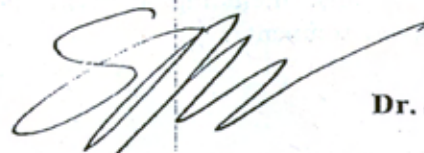
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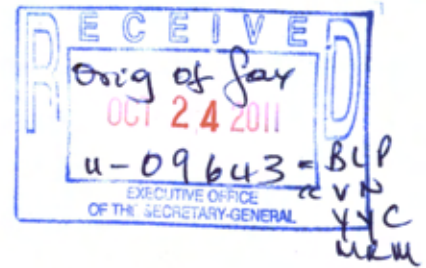
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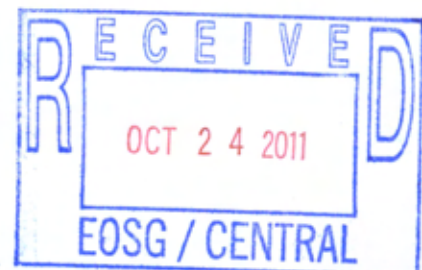
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VIth PAM Plenary Session

Palermo

Palazzo dei Normanni

29 October 2011

Draft Agenda (03/10/2011)

Saturday 29 October

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| 8h45 am | Registration |
| 9.00 am | <p>Welcome by H.E. Abdelwahad Radi, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (Morocco)</p> <p>Message by H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations</p> <p>Opening Statement by H.E. Renato Schifani, President of the Italian Senate</p> <p>Welcome address by H.E. Antonio Martino, President of the Italian Group of the Inter-parliamentary-Union</p> <p>Welcome address by H.E. Francesco Cascio, President of the Sicilian Regional Assembly</p> <p>Address by H.E. Raffaele Lombardo, President of the Region of Sicily (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>Keynote speech by H.E. Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy</p> <p>Keynote speech by H.E. Mohamed K. Amr, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt</p> |
| 10h30 | Presentation of the draft reports and resolutions pertaining to the 1 st Standing Committee for adoption |
| 11h30 | Presentation of the draft reports and resolutions pertaining to the 2 nd Standing Committee for adoption |
| 1 pm | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 2.00 pm | Presentation of the draft reports and resolutions pertaining to the 3 rd Standing Committee for adoption |
| 3.00 pm | <p>Election of the PAM President</p> <p>Nomination of new members to vacant posts on PAM Bureau</p> <p>Address by the new PAM President</p> |

- 3h30 pm** **Laureates of the "2011 PAM Prize"**
- 4h30 pm** Update on PAM activities and finance by **Dr. Sergio Piazzi**, PAM Secretary General
- 5.00 pm** **Closing remarks by Hon. Abdelwahad Radi**, PAM President (Morocco)
- 5h30 pm** Press Conference



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VIth Meeting of the PAM Standing Committees

Palermo (Italy)

Palazzo dei Normanni

27-28 October 2011

Draft Agenda (03/10/2011)

Thursday 27 October

- 9.00 am Registration
- 9.30 am **Opening of the VIth Meeting of the PAM Standing Committees**
Welcome Speech by H.E. Abdelwahad Radi, PAM President (Morocco)
Welcome speech by Hon. Francesco Cascio, President of the Regional Assembly of Sicily
Welcome speech by Sen. Francesco Maria Amoruso, PAM Vice President and Head of the Italian delegation to PAM
- 10.00 am **Presentation of the work of the 1st Standing Committee on Political Cooperation and Security** by H.E. Abdelwahad Radi, PAM President and President of PAM's 1st Standing Committee (Morocco)
Keynote speech by **Sen. Benedetto Adragna** (Italy)
- 10.30 am ***Ad hoc* Committee on the Middle East** - Update by Hon. George Vella (Malta)
Debate
- 11.30 am **Constitutional changes in BiH**, Update by Hon. Miro Petek (Slovenia)
Debate
- 12.00 am **STF¹ on Organised Crime** by Hon. Angela Napoli (Italy)

¹ STF: Special Task Force

- 12.30 am **STF on Terrorism** by Hon. Askin Asan (Turkey)– *presented by Hon. Menderes Turel (Turkey)*
- Debate
- 1.00 pm *Lunch*
- 2.30 pm **Presentation of the work of the 2nd Standing Committee on Economic, social and environmental cooperation & Development** by Sen. Francesco Amoruso, PAM Vice President and President of PAM's 2nd Standing Committee (Italy)
- Keynote speech by M. Laurent Thomas, Assistant Director General, FAO
- 3.00 pm **Report on the activities of the PAM Panel on External Trade and Investments in the Mediterranean** by Hon. Mohammad Zureiqat (Jordan)
- Debate
- 3.45 pm *Coffee break*
- 4.00 pm **STF on Environment and Climate Change** by Hon. Nikolaos Nikolopoulos (Greece)
- Debate
- 4.45 pm **Update by Special Rapporteur on Water** Sen. Jacques Blanc (France) presented by Hon. Michel Vauzelle (France)
- Debate
- 5.15 pm **Update by Special Rapporteur on Energy** Sen. Lhou Lmarbouh (Morocco)
- Debate
- 5.45 pm Concluding remarks
- 8.30 pm *Welcome drink*

Friday 28 October **Continuation of the VIth Meeting of the PAM Standing Committees**

- 9.00 am **Presentation of the work of the 3rd Standing Committee on Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations & Human Rights** – Presented by Hon. Tevfik Ziyaeddin Abkulut, Vice President and President of PAM's 3rd Standing Committee (Turkey)
- Keynote speech by Ms. Alia El Yassir, UN Women, Head of Office, OPT (tbc)
- 09.30 am **STF on Gender** by Hon. Maria Conceição Pereira (Portugal) - *"Domestic Violence"*

	Debate
10.15 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30 am	STF on Migrations by Hon. Tasos Mitsopoulos (Cyprus) – <i>"Migrations in the Mediterranean region"</i>
	Debate
11.30 am	Closure of the meeting by Hon. Tevfik Ziyaeddin Abkalut, Vice President and President of PAM's 3 rd Standing Committee (Turkey)
11.45 am	PAM 18th Bureau Meeting²
1 pm	South Geopolitical Group Meeting³
1.30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.30 pm	<i>Social event including a visit of Agrigento and its temples</i>
8.00 pm	<i>Dinner</i>

² To be attended by PAM Bureau members only

³ In order to present a candidate to the presidency of PAM for the remaining of the 2011-2012 biennium, as well as to select the 4th representative from the South to the Bureau