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Monday 3 December 2012

8:45 Registration of participants

9:15 Welcoming address

Mr Nazim Ahmad, Aga Khan Development Network Representative

Mr Jorge César das Neves, Political adviser of the President of the European Commission and coordinator for the Alliance of civilizations

9:30-10:30 Opening session

Moderator: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre

- Mr Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Chair of the Lisbon Forum
- Mr Nabil El Araby, Secretary General of the League of Arab States, tbc
- Mr Miguel Ángel Martínez Martínez, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Mr Luís Filipe Castro Mendes, Ambassador, Representative of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Council of Europe
- Mr Jean Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, tbc

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 1st Plenary Session: The “Arab Season”: two years after

Key note speaker: Mr Mustapha Ben Jaâfar, President of the Parliament of Tunisia, tbc

Moderator: HRH Princess Rym Ali, Jordan

Rapporteur: Mr Victor Angelo, Former Special Representative/Under-Secretary General of the UN, Portugal

Morocco:

Mr Lahbib Choubani, Minister for relations with civil society and the Parliament, Morocco

Ms Amina Bouayach, Vice-President, International Federation for Human Rights - FIDH, Morocco

Tunisia:

Mr Touhami Abdouli, Secretary of State for European Affairs of Tunisia

Ms Khadija Cherif, Secretary General, International Federation for Human Rights - FIDH, Tunisia

Egypt:

Ambassador Aly Sirry, Deputy Assistant, Foreign Minister for Cultural Affairs, Egypt

Ms Bothaina Kamel, political activist, first female candidate for Presidency, Egypt

Jordan:

Mr Nasser Judeh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jordan, tbc

Ms Kariman Mango, Teacher, Ahliyyah School for Girls, Jordan

Other representatives from the region:

Mr Mustapha Bargouti, Independent Palestinian politician, Palestinian National Initiative, tbc

Ms Soumia Alloui, Algerian TV, Algeria

Mr Khaled Jawish, Adyan Foundation, Lebanon

Ms Hibaaq Osman, Founder of Karama and Representative of Libyan Women's actors for Peace

Opportunities and challenges to cooperation:

- Ms Verena Taylor, Director a.i., Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe
- Ms Maria de Conceicao Pereira, Vice-President of Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and Chair of the Standing Committee on Dialogue among Civilizations and Human Rights

Final remarks : Mr Paulo Portas, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, tbc

13:00-14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 16:30

Parallel Workshops

<i>Room x</i>	<i>Room xx</i>
Workshop 1 : Promoting the Rule of Law, in particular through Constitutional reforms and justice system reforms Moderator: Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission	Workshop 2: Freedom of expression, countering hate speech and discrimination – the role of the new IT and social media Moderator: Ms Helena Barroco, United Nations Alliance of Civilisations

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 19:00

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Workshop 3: Addressing the challenges of democratisation: political reforms, including the reform of local self-government Moderator: Mr Murat Daoudov, Adviser at the Union of Municipalities of Marmara and Member of the Think Tank of the North-South Centre, Belgium/Turkey	Workshop 4: Centrality of women’s rights in the transition to democracy Moderator: Ms Mbarka Bouaida, Member of the Think Tank of the North-South Centre, Morocco

20:00 – Dinner

Tuesday 4 December 2012

9:00-11:00 Workshops: Continuation of discussions and finalisation of conclusions and recommendations

9:00-10:00

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11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12.30 2nd Plenary session: Outcomes of the 2012 Lisbon Forum

- Sharing of conclusions from the workshops by Rapporteurs
- Conclusions and recommendations of the Forum, Ms Antonella Cagnolati, Executive Director of the North-South Centre a.i., and Director of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

12:30 Closing session

- Ms Maria da Assunção Esteves, President of Parliament of Portugal
- Ms Karima Benyaich, Ambassador of Morocco to Portugal – young representative from Morocco
- Mr Hamdi Loza, Ambassador of Egypt to Portugal - young representative from Egypt
- Mr Youssef Louzir, Ambassador of Tunisia to Portugal – young representative from Tunisia
- Ms Dina Kawar, Jordan Ambassador in France and to UNESCO, tbc – young representative from Jordan
- Mr Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Chair of the Lisbon Forum

13:30 End of the Forum