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Global Atlanticists Sixth Summit 2007:

**The Changing Arab World -
Political Islam, Security and Development in the Region and the
Challenges for Transatlantic Cooperation**

Rabat, Morocco
October 31 – November 4, 2007

Wednesday, October 31st, 2007

- 2:30 pm** Participants from Germany and the US **arrive** in Rabat (Air France)
Transfer by bus to Hotel Hilton (Hajo Lanz at the airport):
- 3:45pm** *Meet at the reception*
- 4:00 pm** Departure for a short bus tour of Rabat and walk within the Medina
Transfer by bus
- 6:50 pm** *Meet at the reception (German delegation)*
Departure to German Ambassador's Residence
Transfer by bus
- 7:00 pm** Casual get-together/briefing with representatives of German institutions in Morocco as well as German Embassy staff at Ambassador's residence

Thursday, November 1st, 2007

- 8:15 am** *Meet at the reception (German delegation)*
- 8:30 am** Departure from Hotel Hilton to Casablanca,
"A German development project at hands: textile workers and vocational training"
- 10:00 am** Arrival at *Bogart S.A. Maroc*,
Touring the production site, learn about the German development assistance,
Followed by discussion with several textile entrepreneurs, including Mohamed Taamer, owner of *Bogart* and President of the Moroccan Association of Textile Industries, as well as M. Benmoussa, Secretary General, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training
"Competitiveness Morocco, Multifibre agreement, EU-Association Agreement"
- 12:30 pm** Return to Rabat, Hotel Hilton
- Lunch** at Hotel Hilton, Restaurant Terrace or else (nothing pre-arranged)
- 2:00 pm** *Meet at the reception (Pia Bungarten / Almut Wieland-Karimi)*
Departure for Rabat Airport
- 2:30 pm** Participants **arrive** in Rabat (Air France)
Transfer by bus to Hotel Hilton

For experts group: Conference Room Hilton "Fes – Marrakech"

- 4:00 – 5:30 pm** Meeting and Discussions with members of Moroccan Civil Society,
"Public/Individuals liberties in Morocco: Where are we (going) ?"
Azzedine Akesbi, Secretary General, Transparency Maroc
Amina Bouayach, President, Organisation marocaine des droits de l'Homme (OMDH)
Prof. Jamal Eddine Naji, Media expert, Chaire UNESCO, OMDH

For politicians group:

- 4:30 pm** *Meet at the reception and departure for Ministry of the Interior*
- 5:00–6:00 pm** Meeting with **Sâad Hassar**, **State Secretary, Ministry of the Interior**

6:30 pm *Meet at the reception (American delegation)*
6:40 pm Departure to US-Ambassador's Residence "Villa Americana"
Briefing at US-Ambassador's Residence "Villa Americana"
Transfer by bus from Hilton

7:30 pm **Reception** by invitation of **Thomas T. Riley, U.S. Ambassador to Morocco** at the "Villa Americana" – co-hosted by **Dr. Gottfried Haas, German Ambassador to Morocco**, and high-level representatives of the Moroccan government, Parliament, political parties and civil society

Friday, November 2nd, 2007

Conference Room "Fes – Marrakech"

Simultaneous translation will be provided during the formal parts of the meeting.

All discussions are off the record. The meetings do not aim at producing a consensus document, but at identifying areas of general agreement and areas of divergence to help shape the agenda for future dialogue and cooperation.

All discussions will be moderated by Arnd Henze. Mr. Henze is a journalist who works for ARD, the German public television station. He is invited in his personal capacity and will not report on the meeting.

10:30 am **Panel I: Islamic Movements in the Middle East - A heterogeneous phenomenon which requires a multilayered transatlantic response**

In the countries of the Middle East and North Africa Islamist movements have gained political influence in recent years. In the West, these developments are observed with much scepticism and often little knowledge and understanding. Islamist movements are frequently perceived as threats to the Western societies and linked to terrorist groups. This session aims at drawing a more precise picture of the different groups that exist in contemporary political Islam. Which social and cultural models do they promote? How do they position themselves with regard to the political system and to militant action? How and where can Europe and the United States come to a shared understanding and engage together in a constructive political dialogue with Political Islam? Who are our partners?

Experts Briefing

- **Prof. Salwa Zerhouni**, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco
- **Mohammed Darif**, Morocco

Comments by:

- **Dr. Rolf Mützenich**, Member of the German Parliament
- **Amr Hamzawy**, Senior Associate, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for Int. Peace

(coffee break at your disposal at 11:45 am)

1:30 pm Working lunch with experts on **religious affairs**: **Conference Room "Rabat – Meknes"**

- **Ahmad Aabaadi**, Head, King's Commission to Revise Religious Education and Teaching
- **Daoub Casewit**, Executive Secretary, Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange

3:45 pm

Panel II: Promoting Social and Economic Development in the Middle East and North Africa

Peace, political, economic and social development, prosperity and stability in the countries of the Middle East and North Africa represent challenges that concern the societies themselves and the Western world. This session focuses on challenges of socio-economic development, its obstacles and chances. Which are the key aspects of the region's socio-economic developments? Which strategies of socio-economic development offer and pursue the different political players in the region? What constructive role can external actors play (i.e. through free trade agreements, the Barcelona process or the BMENA initiative) to overcome the deficits and to tackle problems of common interest like migration? How can the U.S. and Europe engage in constructive dialogue and with which partners?

Experts Briefing

- **Prof. Azzam Mahjoub**, Faculty of Economic Sciences, University Manar I, Tunis, Tunisia

Comments by:

- **Dr. Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg**, Member of the German Parliament
- **Parag Khanna**, New America Foundation

(coffee break at your disposal at 4:30 pm)

6:00 pm

End

7:50 pm

Meet at the reception and departure to restaurant "Villa Mandarine"
Transfer by bus from Hilton

8:00 pm

Dinner discussion with **Mme Nouzha Skalli**, Ministre du Développement Social, de la Famille et de la Solidarité

Saturday, November 3rd, 2007

Conference Room "Fes – Marrakech"

10:00

Panel III: Regional Security - Strategies and coalitions for closer cooperation

The fear of terrorist attacks concerns our societies as well as the societies in the Arab world. We have to cooperate to come up with common strategies in order to improve the security situation in the region and to reduce the risks of terrorist attacks both regionally and internationally. Within this context, we need a common understanding of underlying principles of security, including human rights, the rule of law and the use of military force. How do we perceive the security situation as well as present and future threats? Could a regional organization like the Arab League be a respected partner for regional security cooperation and a counterpart for initiatives such as BMENA or the European Union's Barcelona Process and European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)? How and where can NATO play a constructive role? What can be done prevent more "failed states" in the region?

Experts Briefing

- **Dr. Ebtessam Al Kitbi**, Political Science Department, UAE University
- **Prof. Mehdi Lahlou**, Institute for Statistics and Applied Economics (INSEA), Rabat, Morocco

Comments by:

- [Sam Gejdenson](#), Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
- [Johannes Kahrs](#), Member of the German Parliament

(coffee break at your disposal at 10:30 am)

12:00 pm **Special Hearing: The Conflict between Turkey and the PKK in Northern Iraq**

Comments by:

- [Jeremy Shapiro](#), Director of Research, Center on the U.S. and Europe, The Brookings Institution
- [Andrä Gärber](#), Head, Department Middle East/North Africa, FES Berlin
- [Melek Ercan](#), Intercultural Adviser, Cologne, Germany

1:00 pm **Lunch** at Hotel Hilton

3:00 pm **Wrap up of Global Atlanticists Summit 2007: Conclusions and Outlook**

4:30 pm **End of session, followed by short tour of Rabat**

8:00 pm **Closing dinner “Moroccan delight”**
at Restaurant *Zyriab*, Medina Rabat

Sunday, November 4th, 2007

5:15 am **Meet at the reception and transfer to Rabat Airport**

7:00 am **Departure** of US-delegation from Rabat Airport towards Paris and onwards (Air France)
Departure of the German delegation from Rabat Airport towards Paris and onwards (Air France)

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