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**INTERNATIONAL
SYMPOSIUM**

ON THE SECURITY OF EUROPE'S SOUTHERN BORDERS
For NATO's 75th anniversary

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What security measures are in place for the southern borders of Europe?

Given the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, Southern Europe has come to the forefront of security issues, especially as a key component of NATO. The celebration of the Alliance's 75th anniversary and the International Symposium on the Security of Europe's Southern Borders provide a crucial platform for analyzing these challenges. By exploring NATO's history and strategic implications and by identifying vulnerabilities and discussing necessary responses, this event aims to develop sustainable and operational solutions. Bringing together experts and institutional players, the event fosters constructive dialogue to address current security challenges in the Mediterranean region.

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8:30 am Welcome – coffee

9:00 am Welcome speech from Rostane MEHDI, the Director of Sciences Po Aix

9:05 am Keynote – Rear Admiral Marc GANDER, Deputy Director of the Operations and Plans Division of the NATO International Military Staff

9:30 am Conference cards, by Guillaume FOURMONT, editor-in-chief of *Carto* and *Middle East* magazines

9:40 am Round table | New vulnerabilities on the southern flank

Moderator : Charles HAQUET, Editor-in-chief of the World service for *l'Express*

- Jane KINNINMONT, Policy and Impact Director at the *European Leadership Network*, member of the independent working group commissioned by NATO on relations with the southern neighborhood
- Air Force General (2S) Jean-Paul PALOMEROS, former Supreme Allied Commander NATO Transformation
- Vice Admiral Didier PIATON, associate researcher of the Mediterranean Foundation for Strategic Studies (FMES), former deputy of the NATO maritime command
- Giovanni ROMANI, Head of the Middle East and North Africa Section in NATO's Political and Security Affairs Division

11:20 Keynote – General Robert BRIEGER, President of the Military Committee of the European Union

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11:35 am Round table | What are the challenges for North–South cooperation in the Mediterranean ?

Moderator : Olivier DARRASON, Former member of the French Parliament

- Ferdinand BAKOUP, Lead Economist at the African development bank
- Philippine BENTEGEAT, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director of Strategic Affairs
- André PARANT, Ambassador of France, former French Ambassador to Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia
- Lieutenant General (2s) Jean-Paul PERRUCHE, former Director General of the Military Staff of the European Union
- Mohamed Yahya TEISS, Ambassador of Mauritania in France

1:15 pm *Lunch break*

2:15 pm Keynote – Ana Santos PINTO, Chair of the independent working group commissioned by NATO on relations with the Southern Neighborhood

2:30 pm Round table | How can we better ensure security on Europe's southern border ?

Moderator : Walter BRUYERE-OSTELLS, University Professor of Contemporary History at Sciences Po Aix

- Tacan ILDEM, Ambassador, Chairman of the Turkish think-tank EDAM, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies, former NATO Assistant Secretary General
- Mahmoud KAREM, Vice-President of the National Council for Human Rights in Egypt

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- Vice Admiral (2s) Henri SCHRICKE, former Military Representative of France to NATO and the European Union (2020-2022)
- Air Brigadier General Guillaume THOMAS, commander of the air operations brigade of the Air Defense and Air Operations Command

4:15 pm Keynote – Captain Giovanni IODICE, Deputy Director of the NATO *Hub for the South*

4:30 pm Round table | For lasting security and cooperation on the southern flank

Moderator : Rostane MEHDI, University Professor and Director of Sciences Po Aix

- Ragnheidur Elin ARNADOTTIR, Director of the OECD Development Center
- Aurelia GROSU, Consul General of Romania in Marseille
- Guillaume HENRY, Foreign Affairs Advisor at the Center for Analysis, Forecasting and Strategy (CAPS) at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs;
- Jeanne LATERRADE, Deputy Director for “Defense Europe” at the General Directorate of International Relations and Strategy, Ministry of the Armed Forces

6:00 pm General conclusions – Air Force General (2s) Stéphane ABRIAL, former Supreme Allied Commander Transformation at NATO

6:30 pm *Closing cocktail* - Salle des Etats de Provence (Maire d'Aix, place de l'Hôtel de Ville)



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