

ANNEX

Projects in support of a process leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS

2.1. *Project 1: Seminar in support of a process leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East prior to the 2012 Conference*

2.1.1 *Purpose of the project*

- (a) to provide a follow-up event related to the EU seminar to 'promote a process aimed at establishing a zone free of WMD and means of delivery in the Middle East' which was held in Brussels on 6-7 July 2011 in the form of a general track-2 meeting, prior to the 2012 Conference;
- (b) to discuss issues related to regional security in the Middle East, including proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery and conventional issues;
- (c) to explore possible confidence-building measures to facilitate the process towards the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East;
- (d) to discuss possibilities to universalise and implement international non-proliferation and disarmament treaties and other instruments;
- (e) to explore perspectives for peaceful nuclear cooperation and related assistance activities.

2.1.2. *Expected results of the project*

- (a) supporting the Facilitator of the 2012 Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the run up to and the organisation of that event;
- (b) deepening dialogue and generate trust within civil society and governments in order to achieve further progress in support of a process leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East;
- (c) increasing mutual understanding of issues affecting the regional security landscape, including proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery and conventional issues;
- (d) increasing the awareness, knowledge and understanding of practical steps required for the establishment of a Middle East zone free of WMD and their means of delivery;
- (e) contributing to efforts to universalise and implement international non-proliferation and disarmament treaties and other instruments;
- (f) facilitating international and regional cooperation on peaceful uses of nuclear energy in accordance with the best standards of nuclear safety, security and non-proliferation.

2.1.3. *Description of the project*

The project provides for the organisation of one two days seminar, which will take place preferably in Brussels or in the Middle East Region. Participants will include representatives of relevant Union Institutions, Member States, all Middle East countries, nuclear weapon states,

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relevant international organisations and academic experts. Approximately 150 representatives are expected to participate.

Discussions will be led by academic experts. In view of the sensitivity of the topics to be addressed, discussions will be carried out under the Chatham House Rule to enable a more informal and open debate without identifying the source of information received at the meeting.

Invited participants and speakers (academics and non-Union officials) will have their costs covered: travel, accommodation and per diems. The Council Decision also provides financial means to cover all other costs, including conference facility, equipment, lunches, dinners, coffee breaks. The working language of the seminar will be English.

The EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, in close consultation with the representative of the HR and Member States, will invite participants to the seminar and prepares the agenda for the conference.

A report of the meetings will be prepared by the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium and sent to the representative of the HR and the Facilitator. The report may be shared with relevant bodies in the Union, all Middle East countries, other interested countries, and competent international organisations.

2.2. *Project 2: Background papers*

2.2.1. *Purpose of the project*

- (a) to provide up to twenty background papers on topics covered by the seminar in support of a process leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East;
- (b) to provide tools to understand the regional security landscape, including proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery and conventional issues;
- (c) to identify possible confidence-building measures that could serve as practical steps towards the prospect of a Middle East zone free of WMD and their means of delivery;
- (d) to identify ways to achieve further progress in the universalisation and implementation of international non-proliferation and disarmament treaties and other instruments;
- (e) identify perspectives for peaceful nuclear cooperation in the context of countries' energy policy and needs.

2.2.2. *Expected results of the project*

- (a) feeding ideas and suggestions to the seminar in support of a process of confidence building leading to the establishment of a zone free of WMD and their means of delivery in the Middle East and contribute to achieving a focused and structured discussion on all relevant issues;
- (b) increasing the awareness, knowledge and understanding within civil societies and governments of issues related to a zone free of WMD and their means of delivery and regional security in the Middle East;
- (c) providing political and/or operational policy options to governments and international organisations to facilitate the process towards the establishment of zone free of WMD and their means of delivery and regional security in the Middle East.

2.2.3. *Description of the project*

The project provides for the preparation of up to twenty background papers of five to ten pages each. The background papers will be prepared or commissioned by the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium and do not necessarily represent the views of the Unions Institutions or the Member States. A call for papers aimed at encouraging the participation of experts from the region will be organised by the EU non-proliferation consortium.

The background papers will cover the topics discussed by the seminar in support of a process leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. Every paper will frame political/and or operational policy options.

The background papers will be submitted to seminar participants, relevant bodies in the Union and the Member States, all Middle East countries, other interested countries, and competent international organisations. The background papers could be published on the website of the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium.

The background papers could be collected together in one volume for a single publication, after the seminar.

2.3. *Project 3: Creation of a dedicated page on the website of the EU Non Proliferation Consortium of Think Tanks*

2.3.1. *purpose of the project*

- (a) to encourage the discussion and the interaction between Government officials and civil society, NGOs and academia;
- (b) to establish a dedicated page where non-proliferation think tanks can share their independent views and analysis on the topics covered by the Seminar.

2.3.2. *expected results of the project*

Facilitating the exchange of views and increase the contribution of civil society, NGOs and academia to the process of establishing of a zone free of WMD in the Middle East

2.3.3. *description of the project*

The project provides for the preparation of a dedicated page to the meeting within the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium website. The dedicated page will allow the free download of all relevant documents, including documents prepared and published for the seminar and from independent think tanks who may wish to share their research results on the topics covered by the seminar.

2.4. *Project 4: Participation of non-governmental experts from the Union, when necessary and in close coordination with the EEAS, in relevant official, non governmental and track-2 initiatives, such as the Amman Framework. Financing of relevant ad hoc thematic initiative*

2.4.1. *purpose of the project*

To guarantee adequate participation and full representation of the Union experts, including through funding of thematic initiatives, in relevant official, non governmental and track-2 initiatives, international or regional in scope already launched (Amman Framework), or to be launched in the near future, with the aim to help the process towards the establishment of a zone free of WMD in the Middle East.

2.4.2. *expected results of the project*

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Gathering information and thematic publications, maintaining useful network and influencing positively the overall process towards the establishment of a zone free of WMD in the Middle East.

2.4.3. *Project Description*

Supporting participation of non-governmental experts from the Union when Union officials do not attend relevant official, non governmental and track-2 initiatives, international or regional in scope.

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