

SEMINAR OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST SPECIAL GROUP

Rome, 23-24 November 2017

On Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November, the Seminar of the Mediterranean and the Middle East Special Group (GSM) of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly will be held in Rome. It has been promoted by the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly headed by MP Andrea Manciuilli, and will take place in the Plenary Hall of the Chamber of Deputies. It will comprise five sessions dealing with today's most burning issues: the situation in Libya and North Africa, the migration crisis, the situation in Syria and Iraq, the terrorist threat to Europe and the Western Balkans, and countering radicalisation and violent extremism.

The first session will be devoted to debating the report by MP Andrea Manciuilli on the threat posed to Europe by ISIL/Daesh and al-Qa'eda, in order to focus the attention of the Alliance on the dangers of radicalisation and the need for preventative measures.

The Rome Seminar will be attended by more than 150 Parliamentarians representing 35 countries, from the NATO member countries to Mediterranean countries associated to NATO, the Gulf States, the southern Mediterranean states: Algeria, Armenia, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chad, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Israel, Kosovo, Kuwait, Morocco, the Palestinian National Council, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Tunisia, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates. Also taking part will be University professors and experts on security matters in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, and in particular on jihadist terrorism, immigration, and the Syrian, Libyan and Middle Eastern crises.

Speakers will include Pietro Grasso, President of the Senate; Laura Boldrini, President of the Chamber of Deputies; Paolo Gentiloni, the Prime Minister; Marco Minniti, Minister of the Interior; Angelino Alfano, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Roberta Pinotti, Defence Minister; Andrea Orlando, Justice Minister, and Gen. Claudio Graziano, Defence Chief of Staff.

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The Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group (GSM) of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly is a forum through which MPs from NATO Member States and MPs from Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) countries can meet to discuss political and security issues and promote cooperation. This forum provides a very valuable opportunity for dialogue with countries in the Mediterranean area that are not members of NATO. By convention, the forum is held annually in Italy, and, over time, has become a permanent committee.

Info for the press

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