

5+5 Dialogue
Third Ministerial Conference on Migration
in the Western Mediterranean
Algiers, 15-16 September 2004

Summary of Conclusions by the Presidency

In conformity with the recommendations of the second Ministerial Conference on Migration in the Western Mediterranean held in Rabat, on 22nd and 23rd October 2003, and at the invitation of the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic, the Ministers and government representatives of member States of the 5+5 dialogue framework (Algeria, Spain, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Mauritania, Portugal and Tunisia) met in Algiers on 15 and 16 September 2004 for the third Ministerial Conference on Migration .

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the International Centre for Migratory Policies Development (ICMPD) participated as observers to the Conference.

This third Conference followed those held respectively on 16 and 17 October 2002 in Tunis and on 22 and 23 October 2003 in Rabat.

A preparatory experts' meeting was held on 07 and 08 July 2004 in Algiers.

As the host country of the Conference, and after consultations with the partners, Algeria, which is responsible for the Presidency and the follow-up of the cooperation framework for the year 2004-2005, has noted the following conclusions and areas of work :

- The third Algiers 5+5 Conference on migration falls within the framework of the affirmation of the Tunis Declaration that emanated from the first Ministerial Conference of the 16 and 17 October 2002, as well as in continuity of the second Ministerial Conference held in Rabat on 22 and 23 October 2003, constitutes a step towards the identification and mobilization of means necessary to achieve effective cooperative actions in the sphere of migration.
- In this respect, the ministers paid tribute to the efforts undertaken by the Tunisian and Moroccan presidencies, for the efficient coordination and follow-up work undertaken, leading to the Tunis Declaration and the actions decided upon during the Rabat Conference.
- They noted with satisfaction the important and significant results achieved by the 5+5 Summit of Heads of State and Governments (Tunis 05 and 06 December 2003), in particular the recommendations referring to the movement of persons between the two shores of the western Mediterranean, and to the necessity of undertaking joint action and concerted cooperation, including on the operational level, in this domain, with the aim of promoting a global and balanced approach to this question.

- The ministers commended all the initiatives undertaken by their colleagues, ministers of the interior of western Mediterranean countries, towards strengthened cooperation through prevention and combating irregular migration and traffic of human beings. They supported supplementing these initiatives with any useful and complementary actions including that of developing regions with a high migratory potential.
- The ministers also underscored the necessity of examining thoroughly and developing a conceptual approach to migratory questions, based on friendship, solidarity and cooperation, through the establishment of a partnership liable to consolidate the process of bringing peoples of the region closer together. Such an approach would also encourage a concerted treatment of the effects and undesirable consequences of migration.
- Recalling, in this respect, the dynamic link that should exist between the 5+5 framework for political cooperation and consultation and the Barcelona Process, the ministers stressed the pertinence of the framework document conclusions adopted by the Barcelona Process on the regional programme Justice and Internal Affairs. Such a document clearly sets out the need, in all forms of cooperation between the two shores of the Mediterranean, of including dialogue and consultation with a global, balanced and integrated vision, including the social dimension of migration.
- While recognizing the importance of establishing the 5+5 cooperation framework, the ministers, nevertheless, recalled their attachment to bilateral cooperation with regards to the management of migrations. The latter should develop harmoniously and in synergy with the other multilateral cooperation frameworks.
- The ministers also referred to the question of the enlargement of the European Union and agreed to continue close and sustained cooperation on the subject of migration and the movement of persons between countries of the North and South of the Mediterranean.

The ministers also recommended increased cooperation in the form of actions in the following spheres:

- A. Strengthening of cooperation with regards to the exchange of information on migratory questions through the establishment of a network of focal points on the subject;
- B. Organisation of meetings and seminars for experts from the Northern and Southern shores responsible for the management and processing of migratory flows according to a periodicity agreed upon by the States party to the dialogue;
- C. Initiation of awareness building campaigns on migration as well as on the risks and dangers of clandestine immigration. These actions, that should be highly visible, could be undertaken with the voluntary financial contribution of the States participating in the 5+5 dialogue and, possibly, of international organisations;
- D. Encouraging the emergence in countries of the south, of competent structures in the field of research and analysis of data on migratory flows;
- E. Carrying out, in each partner country concerned, of studies on regions with a high migratory potential, with a view, in particular, of coordinating national policies in this domain. To this end, particular

attention will be granted to priority issues and programmes aiming at combating poverty and stabilizing persons, in order to carry out development projects in the southern boarder areas of the countries of the southern shore of the Mediterranean to combat irregular migration towards the north.

- F. Search for new forms of cooperation, based on the use, in the States of origin, of human skills from the countries of the South established in the countries of the northern Mediterranean;
- G. Promotion of new forms of managing migrations within the framework of bilateral cooperation between member countries of the 5+5 dialogue framework with regards to jobs, including through:

- The establishment of vocational training projects in the migrants' countries of origin to promote a better match between the offer and the demand for jobs as well as to improve the integration of migrant workers in the receiving country;

- The conclusion of agreements for the exchange of young professionals to perfect their linguistic and professional skills and to acquire an experience of salaried employment in another country.

The ministers also recalled that proper management of migration will lead to the strengthening of ties of friendship between peoples of the region and that in this specific context, the circulation of persons between the two shores of the Mediterranean should retain the undivided attention and solicitude of the authorities of the partner States to the 5+5 dialogue.

On the whole, and in view of the extreme complexity of the migration issue, in particular with regards to the fact that it creates intense and renewed ties between several regions of the world, the ministers considered that the debate on this question must necessarily, and according to concerted and appropriate mechanisms, be enlarged to include the neighbouring countries from sub-Saharan Africa, also concerned by irregular migration. In this context, the ministers recommended that the terms of reference for a consultation with all the countries of the region be drawn up, in order to ensure a global and harmonious treatment of the question.

With a concern to proceed to concrete action in the areas included within the cooperation framework, and in view of the utmost importance of the question of their funding, the ministers agreed to explore together the ways and means of responding to this requirement.

To this end, they decided to set up a high level group to follow-up the 5+5 ministerial conference on migration, coordinated by the serving Presidency . Amongst other tasks, the group will be responsible for:

- Identifying and reinforcing concrete cooperative actions;
- Identifying and mobilizing existing capacities in terms of expertise and funding;
- Examining the financing possibilities available within the framework of European Union instruments and of expertise and technical assistance offered by organisations such as ILO, IOM and ICMPD.

The delegations commended the efforts made by Algeria to present a work platform aimed at reaching further stages in the process of crystallizing the different directions and conclusions of cooperation agreed upon.

They also expressed their thanks to Algeria for the welcome and hospitality they received during this conference.

At the proposal of the French delegation, the next Ministerial Conference on Migration in the Western Mediterranean will be held in France in October 2005.

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Programme

Tuesday 14/09/2004

Arrival and check-in of participating delegations (hotel El Djazair)

Wednesday 15/09/2004

09h 00: Arrival and registration of delegations at experts' level (Résidence El-Mithak)

09h 30 : Opening of the experts meeting:
- finalisation of the draft summary of conclusions.

12h 30 : Lunch

15h 00 : Opening of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on migration in the western Mediterranean:

- Opening speech pronounced by his Excellency Mr Abdelaziz ZIARI, Minister of Youth and Sports;
- Addresses by the heads of participating delegations;
- Address by Mr Brunson McKINLEY, Director General of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM);
- Address by the Director General of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD);
- Address by Mr Sadok Bel Hadj Hassine, Director of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Office in Algiers.

17h 00 : Adjournment of the session

20h 00 : Dinner hosted in honour of the participants by His Excellency Mr Abdelaziz ZIARI, Minister of Youth and Sports – Résidence El-Mithak.

Thursday 16/09/2004

10h 00: Examination and adoption of the summary of Conclusions of the Algerian Presidency.

12h 00: Closing of the Conference proceedings

12h 15 : Press Conference.

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Third Ministerial meeting on migration in the western Mediterranean

Algiers, Résidence El Mithak, 15 and 16 September

List of participants

Algeria

Mr Abdelaziz ZIARI, Minister of Youth and Sports;
Mr Hocine MEGHAR, Director General of Consular affairs;
Mr Ahcene BOUKHELFA, Director of the Circulation and Establishment of Foreigners;
Mr Boualam Hacene, Director of the Protection of nationals abroad;
Mr Mohand Akli AKRETCHE, Director of the State and Circulation of persons and Goods/Ministry of the Interior and Local Authorities;
Mr Said CHERFI, Director at the General Directorate of National Security;
Mr Abdelkrim BELOUSAA, Adviser for Foreign Affairs
Mr Abdelaziz MAYOUF, Adviser for Foreign Affairs;
Mr Walid MOHAMEDI, Adviser for Foreign affairs;
Mr Ali REZGUI, Chief of Staff of the Minister of Youth and sports;
Mr Cherif OUALID, Deputy Director of Judicial and Administrative Affairs/DGAC;
Mr Toufik MILAT, Deputy Director of European Institutions and Euro Mediterranean Relations/DGE
Mr Ahmed HACHEMI, deputy Director of the Status of persons and of Social Affairs and Agreements / DGAC;
Mr Abdelmalek BOUFENOUCHE, Deputy Director of the Union of the Arab Maghreb /DGPA;
Ms Salima CHERIF, representing the ministry delegated to the Head of Government, in charge of the national Community abroad;
Mr Mohamed HELLAL, Adviser for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mohamed ENIRAD; Adviser for Foreign Affairs;
Mr Hichem KIMOUCHEA, Officer in charge at the DPNE/DGAC;
Mr Hacene ELBEY, Officer in charge at the DPNE/DGAC;

Mr Mabrouk ABERKANE, Desk Officer at the DCEE/DGAC;

Mr Larbi GHAZI, Desk Officer at the DCEE/DGAC

France

M. Jean-Louis Borloo, Minister of Employment, Labour, and Social Cohesion;

Mr Hubert Colin De Verdiere, Ambassador;

Mr Gilles Bonnaud, Chargé d'affaires;

Mr Dominique Liger, Advisor to the Minister of employment, Labour and social Cohesion;

Ms Agnès Leclerc, Adviser to the cabinet of the Minister responsible for Labour Relations;

Mr Laurent Raverat, Chief of Staff of the Minister of Employment, Labour, and Social Cohesion;

Mr Paul Benayoun, Special representative to the Ministry of employment, Labour and social Cohesion;

Ms Frédérique Henry, Press Adviser to the Minister of Employment, Labour and Social cohesion

Ms Nicole Martin, Special representative to the Department of Populations and Migrations at the Ministry of Employment, Labour, and Social Cohesion;

Ms Nadia Marot, Officer in charge at the Department of Populations and Migrations at the Ministry of Employment, Labour, and Social Cohesion

Mr Luc Fuhraman, Special representative to the Department of French citizens abroad and Foreigners in France (Asylum and Immigration Branch) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Mr Michel Pierre, Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural action at the French Embassy in Algiers;

Mr Alexandre Garcia, Political Counsellor at the French Embassy in Algiers;

Mr Frederic Potier, Political Counsellor at the French Embassy in Algiers;

Mr Dominique Delpuech, Press Counsellor at the French Embassy in Algiers;

Mr Nicolas Montilleul, Security Counsellor at the French Embassy in Algiers.

Italy

Mr Alberto Brambilla, Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Labour and social Policy;

Mr Marco Villani, Diplomatic Adviser to the Minister;

Ms Antonella Uneddu, Adviser at the Department for Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Mr Maurizio Silveri, Director General of Immigration;

Libya

Mr Nasr El Mabrouk Abdellah, Secretary of the Popular Committee for public Security;

Mr Abdessalam Miled Attawir, Director of the General Administration for Security at Boarder Crossings – General Popular Committee for Public security;

Mr Ettahar Hassan Eddabache, Deputy director of the Europe Division – General Popular Committee for External Relations and International Cooperation;

Mr Ibrahim El Abed El Mikhtar, Head of the Organisations Division – General Popular Committee for External Relations and International Cooperation;

Mr Rached Salah Easaghir, Department of the Arab Maghreb Union Affairs – General Popular Committee for External Relations and International Cooperation;

Malta

Mr Tonio Borg, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and of the Interior;

Mr Joseph Scerri, Principal Private Secretary to the Vice Premier, Minister of Justice and of the Interior;

Kingdom of Morocco

Ms Nouzha Chekrouni, Minister delegated to the Minister of Foreign affairs and Cooperation, Responsible for the Moroccan community resident abroad;

Mr Djawad El Himdi, Director of Consular and Social affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

Mr Mohamed Loulladi, Head of the department of Penal Justice at the Ministry of Justice;

Mr Aziz El Djilali Essaghir, Head of the Department of Emigration – Ministry of the Interior;

Mr Bouchaib Aomari, Head of division at the Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training;

Mr Larbi Benabdallah, Adviser to the Minister;

Mr Mohamed El Maddah El Idrissi, Counsellor at the Moroccan Embassy

Mauritania

Mr Mohamed Ghali Ould Cherif Ahmed, Minister of the Interior, Post and Telecommunications;

Mr Mohamed Vall Ould Baha, Special Representative to the Ministry of the Interior, Post and Telecommunications;

Mr Mohamed Lemine Ould Ahmed, Director at the ministry of the Interior of Post and Telecommunications;

Mr Diakite Amadou, Director of Consular Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign affairs and Cooperation;

Mr Galidou Baba, Attaché

to the Cabinet of the Minister of the Interior, Post and Telecommunications;

Mr Mohamed Ould Makhal, Special Representative to the Secretary of State of Maghrebi Affairs.

Portugal

Mr Feliciano Barreiras Duarte, Under Secretary of State to the Minister of State for the Presidency;

Mr Nuno Correia, Chief of Staff;

Mr Gabriel Catarion, Director of the Foreigners and Borders division;

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Mr Miguel Cruz Silvestre, Chargé d'Affaires – Portuguese Embassy in Algiers.

Spain

Mr Jiefus Ramon Copa Novo, Director General of Immigration – Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs;

Mr Juan Lefia, Spanish Ambassador;

Ms aurora Bernaldez, Ambassador on special mission – Department of Consular Affairs – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation;

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Mr Nicolas Diaz-Pache, Political Counsellor – Spanish Embassy;

Mr Jorge Andion, Attaché – Spanish Embassy.

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Ms Nadjah Belkheira Karoui, Secretary of State Delegated to Social Development;

Mr Abdelmadjid Baouab, Director General of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Mr Tahar Fellous Refai, Director General of External Relations and International Cooperation, Ministry of the Interior and of Local Development;

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Mr Peter Schatzer, Regional IOM representative Rome;
Mr Redouane Saadi, Responsible for External Relations with the Western
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Mr Laurence Hart, Head of IOM mission Tunis
Ms Meriem Knani, IOM Tunis
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