



Sub-regional Seminar on

CIVIL SOCIETY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

With the participation of civil society representatives from the Maghreb countries

Meknès, September 2006

Tentative Programme

Day 1

09:30 Opening Session

10:00 The Political Context: Individual Rights and Political Transition

- The promotion of rights as a reform measure by executives and legislatures
- Individual rights and the view of political actors, old and new

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 The legal and social context of individual rights

- Enforcement procedures and practice
- Legal framework and legislation
- Socio-economic limitations on rights fulfilment

13:30 *Lunch*

15:00 Working Group Sessions [Simultaneous]

- 1 –The dynamic of women’s rights: presentation of the EuroMeSCo report and debate
- 2 – Security and the protection of fundamental rights
- 3 – Freedom of expression
- 4 – Migrant rights

16:30 *Coffee break*

16:45 Working Groups – Second session

Day 2

09:00 The role of civil society

- The civil society agenda
- Bottom up or top down?
- Perspectives for regional cooperation

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 The role of the EMP and the ENP

- The Barcelona Declaration
- Barcelona 2005: decisions and implementation
- Recommendations for the EMP and ENP
- Benchmarking system for Action Plans

13:00 *Lunch*

15:00 Closing Session – Conclusions and recommendations

- EuroMeSCo representative
- Southern Senior Official
- European Commission representative
- Civil Society representative

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