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8:45 Registration of participants

9:15 Welcoming words

Mr Nazim Ahmad, Aga Khan Development Network Representative

Mr Jorge César das Neves, Political adviser of the President of the European Commission

9:30-10:30 Opening session

Moderator: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre

Mr Lahbib Choubani, Minister for relations with civil society and the Parliament, Morocco

Mr Miguel Ángel Martínez, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Mr Luís Filipe Castro Mendes, Ambassador, Representative of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Council of Europe

Mr Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Chair of the Lisbon Forum

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 1st Plenary Session: The “Arab Season”: two years after

Moderator: HRH Princess Rym Ali, Jordan

Rapporteur: Mr Victor Angelo, Former Special Representative/Under-Secretary General of the UN, Portugal

Ms Magda Zaki Eltouny, Director, Minister Plenipotentiary, Dept. of the Dialogue among civilizations, League of Arab States

Ms Amina Bouayach, Vice-President, International Federation for Human Rights - FIDH, Morocco

Ms Khadija Cherif, Secretary General, International Federation for Human Rights - FIDH, Tunisia

Ms Bothaina Kamel, Political activist, Egypt

Ms Kariman Mango, Teacher, Ahliyyah School for Girls, Jordan

Ms Soumia Alloui, Algerian TV, Algeria

Mr Khaled Jawish, Adyan Foundation, Lebanon

Mr Hadi Shebli, Deputy Chief of Mission, Mission of Palestine to the EU

Opportunities and challenges to cooperation:

Ms Maria Conceição Pereira, Vice-President of Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

Ms Verena Taylor, Director a.i., Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Final remarks: Mr Paulo Portas, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal

13:00-14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Parallel Workshops

Room x	Room xx
<p>Workshop 1: Promoting the Rule of Law, in particular through Constitutional reforms and justice system reforms</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission</p> <p>Round-table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Mohammed Auajjar, Former Minister of Human Rights, Morocco - Ms Amira Yahyaoui, Founder of Al-Bawsala, Tunisia - Ms Fatma Khafaga, The Alliance for Arab Women, Egypt - Mr David Baragwanath, President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon - Ms Dragana Filipovic, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the Council of Europe - Mr Andrew Bradley, Director, Office of International IDEA to the EU - Mr Alberto Costa, Lawyer and Politician (PS), Portugal 	<p>Workshop 2: Freedom of expression, countering hate speech and discrimination – the role of the new IT and social media</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Helena Barroco, United Nations Alliance of Civilisations</p> <p>Kick-off reflections by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRH Princess Rym Ali, Jordan <p>Round-table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Lamia Radi, Director of Cooperation and Cultural Action, Focal National Point of Alliance of Civilisations, Morocco - Ms Samira Sitail, Deputy Director of 2M channel, Morocco - Mr Mohamed Kamoun, EuroMed Youth Trainer, Tunisia - Ms Suhair El Qarra, Researcher, Jordan - Mr Nacer Chrif Tayeb, El Sahwa Association, Algeria - Ms Fatima El-Issawi, Fellow research on 'Arab Revolutions: Media Revolutions', London School of Economics, Lebanon

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 19:00 Parallel Workshops

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<p>Workshop 3: Addressing the challenges of democratisation: political reforms, including the reform of local self-government</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Murat Daoudov, Member of the Think Tank of the North-South Centre</p> <p>Roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Younes Sekkouri, Parliamentarian, Morocco - Prof. Lotfi Tarchouna, President of the Association Tunisienne d'Études et de Recherches en Démocratie et Affaires Locales, Tunisia - Mr Tarak Mahdhaoui, Member of the ISIE (Independent High Body for Elections), Tunisia - Mr Atef Rawahneh, Mayor of Lab-wa- 	<p>Workshop 4: Centrality of women's rights in the transition to democracy</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Mbarka Bouaida, Member of the Think Tank of the North-South Centre</p> <p>Roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Abderrazak Morjani, Moroccan Center for Civic Education, Morocco - Ms Latifa Akherbach, Research Professor at the Institute of Information and Communication in Rabat, Morocco - Ms Karima Rhanem, President, Moroccan Association for Development & Parallel Diplomacy - Ms Wiem Melki, United Women for Peace, Tunisia

<p>Mleeh, National Coordinator of United Cities and Local Governments, Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Philippe Receveur, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe - Sir Roger Gale, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - Mr Christophe Rouillon, Member of the Committee of the Regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Raja Mrad, Representative of the Association Tunisienne Femmes Democratiques, Tunisia - Ms Hoda Badran, The Alliance for Arab Women, Egypt - Ms Farah Barqawi, Representative of the movement "The uprising of the women in the Arab World", Palestine
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20:00 – Dinner

Tuesday 4 December 2012

9:00-11:00 Workshops: Continuation of discussions and finalisation of conclusions and recommendations

9:00-10:00

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<p>Workshop 1 : Promoting the Rule of Law, in particular through Constitutional reforms and justice system reforms</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Magda Zaki Eltouny, Director, Minister Plenipotentiary, Dept. of the Dialogue among civilizations, League of Arab States</p>	<p>Workshop 2: Freedom of expression, countering hate speech and discrimination – the role of the new IT and social media</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Helena Barroco, United Nations Alliance of Civilisations</p>

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11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12.30 2nd Plenary session: Outcomes of the 2012 Lisbon Forum

- Sharing of conclusions from the workshops by Rapporteurs:
- Workshop 1: Ms Amira Yahyaoui, Founder of Al-Bawsala, Tunisia
- Workshop 2: Mr Nacer Chrif Tayeb, El Sahwa Association, Algeria
- Workshop 3: Mr Younes Sekkouri, Parliamentarian, Morocco
- Workshop 4: Ms Raja Mrad, Representative of the Association Tunisienne Femmes Démocratiques, Tunisia
- Conclusions and recommendations of the Forum, Ms Antonella Cagnolati, Director of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

12:30 Closing session

Moderator: Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

- Ms Maria da Assunção Esteves, President of Parliament of Portugal
- Ms Karima Benyaich, Ambassador of Morocco to Portugal – young representative from Morocco, Mr Younes Sekkouri, Parliamentarian
- Mr Hamdi Loza, Ambassador of Egypt to Portugal
- Mr Youssef Louzir, Ambassador of Tunisia to Portugal – young representative from Tunisia, Ms Wiem Melki, United Women for Peace, Tunisia
- HRH Princess Rym Ali, Jordan – young representative from Jordan, Ms Kariman Mango, Teacher, Ahliyyah School for Girls
- Mr Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Chair of the Lisbon Forum

13:30 End of the Forum