

GENERAL PRACTICAL INFORMATION
on the joint
EuroMed ECOFIN and FEMIP Ministerial Meeting
(Luxembourg/Luxembourg, 7 October 2008)

1/ Status and purpose

- ▶ **Status:** Ministerial meeting
- ▶ **Purpose:** Meeting of the finance ministers of the “Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean” and FEMIP ministerial meeting

2/ Dates and location

- ▶ **Date:** 7 October 2008
- ▶ **Location:** Luxembourg – Building of the Council (Kiem Conference Centre)

3/ Participants

- ▶ **States and institutions represented:** Member States of the “Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean”¹, European Commission, European Investment Bank, European Central Bank, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Arab Monetary Fund, African Development Bank
- ▶ **Level:** Ministers or equivalent
- ▶ **Total number of participants:** around fifty ministers or equivalent at the most, plus accompanying delegation members.

4/ Programme

- ▶ **Duration:** 2pm – 5.30pm
- ▶ **Events:** One-hour working lunch followed by a working session lasting for around two hours with no break

¹ This format comprises the 27 EU Member States, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Albania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Monaco. France and Egypt are the co-presidents.

5/ Interpreting service

- ▶ **Working languages:** Interpretation during the meeting will be provided in all the languages of the 27 EU Member States plus Arabic.
- ▶ **Languages used for press conferences:** English – French – Arabic.

6/ Press information

- ▶ **Accreditation:** Accreditation is obtained through the press office of the Council of the European Union
(contact: Ms Valérie Goldschmidt– Tel.: 0032 (0) 2 281 89 69)

- ▶ **Press centre:** The building of the Council has a press centre on the ground floor.

- ▶ **Press conference:** A press conference will be organised after the meeting in the press room of the press centre.

The five co-presidents of the meeting will participate in particular:

- **Ms Lagarde**, Minister for the Economy, Industry and Employment, France;
- **Mr Boutros-Ghali**, Finance Minister, Egypt;
- **Mr Almunia**, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs;
- **Mr Maystadt**, President of the European Investment Bank;
- **Mr Krecké**, Minister of the Economy and Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg.

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