OSCE Engagement with Mediterranean Partners
Co-operation on SALW
OSCE States and Partners
Partners engagement with OSCE

- Not liable by OSCE commitments, only voluntary
- No participation in negotiation or decision-taking process
- Invited to formal meetings of PC and FSC
- Special Contact Group for MedPartners and AsianPartners for high level OSCE-Partners Co-operation
OSCE engagement with Partners

- Annual Conferences for Asian and Med Partners on all three dimensions
- Outreach events for Partners in the OSCE area
- Events directly in MedPartners countries are subject to PC decision
- Further activities upon request and PC/FSC decision
OSCE and Tunisia

National Roundtable on SALW on 21-22 October 2014:

- SALW (export control, PSSM, tracing)
- Border Security
- Counterterrorism
- + Visit to seaport control point
SALW controls

- Weapons trafficking as main challenge
- Link between smuggling and terrorism
- Seized weapons are destroyed
- Need for equipment:
  > Customs: profiling and risk assessment
  > Border guards and police: communications, explosives detectors
- Ongoing work on new law on weapons (including on export controls, marking)
- Interested on co-operating on PSSM
SALW smuggling

- 45,000 civilian firearms registered in Tunisia
- Sources: looted Libyan arsenals, hunting rifles from Europe
Border controls

- Objectives:
  - Modernization of several border crossing points
  - Implementation of Integrated Border Management Model (BMI)
  - Establishment of national border training centre
  - Establishment of Mediterranean or African Centre of Excellence for Border Management (as the OSCE Border Management Staff College)
  - Upgrade of communication and command system (unfunded)

- Current situation:
  - 1300 km of sea borders (42 fishing ports, 9 tourist ports, 9 cargo ports)
  - Terrorism as main threat, influx of refugees (1.8 mio people)
  - Currently only 44% radar coverage, unprotected communication
Next steps

- Discussion on the mandate for OSCE engagement (food-for-thought submitted to FSC)
- Selection of priority areas and conducting focused assessments
- Selection of implementing partner
- Elaboration of detailed project plan and fundraising
- Thank you for your attention.
- Questions?

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