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9:15-9:30 Welcoming remarks:

Nikolaos Georgopoulos, Professor, Rector of the University of Piraeus

Panayiotis Ifestos, Professor, Chairman of the Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus

Efraim Inbar, Professor, Director of Besa Center

9:30-10:00 Opening remarks:

Ambassador Michail Spinellis, Alternate Secretary General of Ministry of Hellenic Foreign Ministry

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-11:15 Panel I: *The Strategic Environment of the Eastern Mediterranean*

Chair: Ioannis Mazis, Professor, Department of Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Panelists:

Efraim Inbar, Professor, Bar-Ilan University and Director of Besa Center, “The New Strategic Equation in the Eastern Mediterranean”

Athanasios Platias, Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, “Competing Grand Strategies in the Eastern Mediterranean”

Yaacov Amidror, Major General (ret.), “From Libya to Gaza-The Problematic South East Part of the Mediterranean”

Aristotle Tziampiris, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, “The New Eastern Mediterranean and the Role of Greece”

11:15-11:30 Q & A

11:30-12:30 Panel II. *State Perspectives on Eastern Mediterranean Developments*

Chair: Efraim Inbar, Professor, Bar-Ilan University and Director of Besa Center

Panelists:

Arye Mekel, Ambassador (ret.), “Greek-Israeli Relations 2010-2015; The Israeli Perspective”

Ioannis Mazis, Professor, Department of Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, “Islam's Dynamics in the International and European Levels: The Legitimacy of Islam's Missionary Movement According to Islamic Jurisprudence.”

Efrat Aviv, Bar-Ilan University, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, “The Turkish Left's Attitude Toward Syriza”

Ilias Kouskouvelis, Professor, Dean, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, “Strategy vs ideology: antagonisms and balancing in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East”

12:30-12:45 Q & A

12:45-13:45 Panel III. Energy and Competition in the Eastern Mediterranean

Chair: Panayiotis Ifestos, Professor, Chairman of the Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus

Panelists:

Nikolaos Farantouris, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, “Energy infrastructure projects in Eastern Mediterranean: Institutional and political aspects”

George Papadopoulos, Research Fellow, Hudson Institute, “U.S. policy and the strategic relations between Greece, Cyprus, Israel and Egypt. A natural gas and security perspective”

Ioannis Paravantis, Assistant Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, “Ecological Security, Energy Poverty and Demographic Change in the Eastern Mediterranean”

Athanassios Dagoumas, Lecturer, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, “Energy Security in the Eastern Mediterranean”

13:45-14:00 Q & A

14:00-15:00 Panel IV. Perspectives on the Eastern Mediterranean

Chair: Haralambos Papatiriou, Professor, Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University

Panelists:

Petros Liacouras, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, “Developments of the Hydrocarbon Exploitation in the Eastern Mediterranean”

Spyridon Litsas, Assistant Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, “An Anatolian Bull in a Eastern Mediterranean China Shop: Paradoxes, Facts and Theory in Turkey’s Regional Foreign Policy”

Nikolaos Raptopoulos, Assistant Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, “Turkey’s policy towards Islamic radicalism in the Middle East: Risks, challenges, and ambitions.”

Athanassios Samaras, Assistant Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, **Sophia Iordanidou**, Associate Professor, Open University of Cyprus “Projected image of Israel and the Arab countries in the news media and intercultural content analysis”

Haralambos Papatiriou, Professor, Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University, “US Foreign Policy in the Eastern Mediterranean”

15:00-15:15 Q & A

End of conference

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