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INVITATION

EGMONT, the Royal Institute for International Relations,
with the support of the Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and
Development Cooperation has the honor of inviting you to a HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE on:

ENERGY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN - PROMISE OR PERIL?

Egmont Palace, November 7, 2013 from 17.00 to 19.00
Place du Petit Sablon, 8 bis, Kleine Zavel, 1000 Brussels

EGMONT - The Royal Institute for International Relations, supported by H.E. Mr. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs, has opened a dialogue with a team of international experts in order to look at how the management of the new energy resources from the offshore Eastern Mediterranean region and Levant Basin could act as a vector of cooperation among the concerned countries.

Strengthening energy cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean political, economic and security context could indeed benefit the whole region, and holds great promise for the involved countries, either as suppliers or transit countries. Furthermore, the EU itself has a keen interest for fostering cooperation in the region, because these new energy resources fit well into its strategy of diversification.

This concluding conference will give the opportunity to present to a broader audience in a public session the outcome of the series of expert seminars that were organised by the Egmont Institute and the Atlantic Council and which addressed these issues more into details with experts from the region, the EU and the US. Referring to the seminars, the conference will also look at how to define new mechanisms of communication in order to ensure that these resources are exploited in a beneficial way to all, taking into account local political and economic realities as well as the global and regional energy market developments.

The working language will be English

A reception will be offered by H.E. Minister Didier Reynders after the conference.

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PROGRAMME

16.00 Registration

17.00 **Welcome Words:**

Ambassador Marc OTTE, Director General, EGMONT Institute

Introductory speech:

H.E. Mr. Didier REYNDERS, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs

Summary of the three High level Expert Seminars on Energy Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean:

Mr. Sami ANDOURA, Senior Research Fellow, EGMONT Institute, Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute

Mr. Najj ABI-AAD, COO Petroleb and Director Institute for Energy Economics, American University of Beirut and

High level Panel:

Ms. Antonyia PARVANOV, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Energy, Environment, Water, Parliamentary Assembly – Union for the Mediterranean

Mr. Pierre VIMONT, Executive Secretary General, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Mr. Arnaud BREUILLAC, Senior Vice- President, Exploration & Production, Middle-East, member of the Group Management Committee, TOTAL

Debate and concluding remarks:

Ambassador Marc OTTE, Director General, Egmont Institute

19.00 to 20.00 **Reception offered by H.E. Mr. Didier Reynders**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs

Registration in advance is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by fax (02.223.41.16), by e-mail at conferences@egmontinstitute.be, or by mail (69 rue de Namur, B-1000 Brussels), before Wednesday 30 October 2013. (Name, Title, Organisation)