



SEDM-CC/PMSC



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Athens Chairmanship



Message of the Chairman Eleftherios Anghelopoulos, Ambassador a.e.

As Athens SEDM-CC/PMSC Chairmanship begins its mission, we are looking forward to promote actively the activities and the ideas of the Process for the next two years, until July 2019, with the support of all its Nations and contribute to the fulfillment of the goals and priorities of the initiative. In these priorities, SEEBRIG will maintain its important role.

As the Chairman of this Process, I will focus on our close cooperation, based on our fundamental principles, in full respect of International Law, for the purpose of strengthening stability and security in the region of Southeastern Europe.

I believe that all the current projects and activities of SEDM Process i.e. Interconnection of Military Hospitals (IMIHO), SEDM Official Portal, Female Leaders in Security and Defence (FLSD), Building Integrity (BI), as well as the Southeastern Europe Simulation Exercise (SEESIM) are very crucial and we will explore ways to enrich them and to increase their effectiveness.

Furthermore, Greece, during its Chairmanship, will continue the ongoing efforts to revitalize the SEDM Strategic Review and to finalize the work on the drafting of 6th Additional Protocol of the Multinational Peace Force South Eastern Europe Agreement.

Last but not least, all our actions and endeavors over the next two years will be governed by the words of Aristotle "friendship is essentially a partnership", which are also the motto of Athens Chairmanship.

Priority goals of Athens Chairmanship:

- Close and result oriented cooperation with all the SEDM Process Nations.
- Enhance efforts to promote mutual understanding, transparency, solidarity and good neighbourly relations, in full respect of International Law.
- Working towards enhancing visibility of SEDM Process and SEEBRIG
- Optimize cost-effectiveness of all the current projects, initiatives and activities of SEDM Process and explore ways of enhancing them.
- Continue the efforts to revitalize SEDM Strategic Review.
- Finalize the Multinational Peace Force South Eastern Europe Agreement's 6th Additional Protocol.
- Increase the effectiveness of the Process towards contributing to the safeguard of peace, security and stability in the region of Southeastern Europe.
- Usability, deployability and readiness of SEEBRIG in peace support operations, including disaster relief.