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SUMMARY: (U) REPORT FORWARDS BOOK "COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COAST AND EUROPEAN POLITICS". ENCLOSURE.

TEXT: 1. (U) REPORT FORWARDS BOOK PREPARED BY THE "CENTRO MILITARE DI STUDI STRATEGICI (MILITARY CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES).

2. (U) ENCLOSURE PROVIDES SUMMARY REPORT OF SIX RESEARCH PAPERS DISCUSSING SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES AND THE IMPACT OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL POLICIES.

3. (U) SECURITY RISKS IN THE REGIONS TO THE SOUTH OF EUROPE.

A. (U) MILITARY RISKS - THE UPWARD TREND IN ARMS PROCUREMENT AND MILITARY SPENDING IN THE AREAS TO THE SOUTH OF THE MEDITERRANEAN IS PARTICULARLY STRONG, BOTH QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY, IN BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND NON-CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

- EGYPT, LIBYA, ISRAEL, AND SYRIA HAVE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CAPABILITY AND ALGERIA HAS THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACQUIRE SUCH CAPABILITY.

- ONLY ISRAEL HAS THE CAPABILITY TO DEVELOP BALLISTIC MISSILES. IRAN, IRAQ AND LIBYA HAVE FAILED IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. MANY COUNTRIES ARE, NEVERTHELESS, INTENT UPON PURCHASING THIS CAPABILITY.

- ISRAEL IS THE ONLY COUNTRY WITH NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. IRAN, IRAQ, SYRIA, EGYPT, TURKEY AND ALGERIA ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN THE CAPABILITY AND THE SITUATION IS AGGRAVATED BY A PROLIFERATION OF SUPPLIERS.

- DESPITE POST-COLD WAR DISARMAMENT, WESTERN MILITARY APPARATUS IN THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN REMAINS SUBSTANTIAL. RISKS OF MISUSE OF FORCE WILL INCREASE AS FORCES ARE USUALLY NOT SUITED FOR PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS.

B. (U) ECONOMIC RISKS - FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS, ALL THE COUNTRIES TO

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THE SOUTH OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, EXCEPT LOW-POPULATION OIL-EXPORTERS HAVE SUFFERED ECONOMIC CRISIS.

- THE WEST EUROPEAN RECESSION AND RISING BURDEN OF FOREIGN DEBT FORCED ECONOMIC CONTRACTION, INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT DURING A PERIOD OF HIGH POPULATION GROWTH. THE RESULT HAS BEEN A MEASURABLE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE STANDARD OF LIVING.

- ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE TO TREND FOR THE WORSE. THE COUNTRIES WITH LESS RESOURCES AND INCOME WILL ACCOUNT FOR THE MOST OF THE REGION'S TOTAL POPULATION. THIS WILL FAVOR CONTINUING MIGRATORY PRESSURE TOWARD EUROPE.

C. (U) POLITICAL AND CULTURAL RISKS - ISLAMISM IS SEEN AS A NEW FORM OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. IT'S AIM IS TO REESTABLISH THE NATIONAL IDENTITY AND ASPIRATIONS FOR POLITICAL ASSERTION WHICH POST-INDEPENDENCE GOVERNMENTS WERE UNABLE TO ACHIEVE.

- (U) ALTHOUGH ISLAMIC TRENDS HAVE GAINED NEW STRENGTH, THEY ARE NOT BELIEVED TO INVOLVE THE INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT CHARACTER OF KHOMEINI'S IRAN. THEY ARE MARKED BY SOME DEGREE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, ALBEIT OPPORTUNISTIC.

- (U) THE PRINCIPAL RISK OF THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT AT PRESENT IS TO THE MORE WESTERNIZED REGIMES SUCH AS EGYPT AND JORDAN. IN NORTH AFRICA THE MOVEMENTS HAVE BLOCKED EVOLUTIONARY PROGRESS TOWARD LIBERAL GOVERNMENT. THE RISK TO EUROPE IS THE CONTINUOUS FUELING OF DESTABILIZING FACTORS.

D. (U) STRATEGIC RISKS - SECURITY PERCEPTIONS ARE DOMINATED BY TWO FACTORS - THE END OF BIPOLAR SYSTEMS, AND WESTERN DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SECURITY ORDER.

- THE END OF BIPOLARISM HAS CONTRADICTIONARY REACTIONS. THE SUDDEN INTEREST IN EASTERN EUROPE HAS LEFT THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN FEELING ABANDONED WHILE THE GREATER SCRUTINY THEY RECEIVE IS PERCEIVED AS A THREAT.

- (U) THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES SEE A SHIFT IN FOCUS OF WESTERN THREAT FROM EAST TO SOUTH. THIS WAS CONFIRMED WITH THE U.S. AND FSU AGREEMENT DURING THE GULF WAR. THE IDEA OF HAVING REPLACED THE USSR AS THE WEST'S TARGET IS SEEN AS AN ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN DOMINION.

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4. (U) EUROPEAN SECURITY - THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS CHANGED THE WEST'S BASIC STRATEGIC POSITION. GLOBAL TENSIONS ARE NO LONGER BETWEEN WEST AND EAST, BUT NOW THE NORTHWEST AND THE EAST AND THE SOUTH AS A WHOLE. THE U.S. AND GERMANY FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON THE CRISIS IN THE CIS; THE U.S. ALONE IS INTERESTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST; AND, THE EC IS CONCERNED WITH THE BALKANS AND NORTH AFRICA.

5. (U) EUROPEAN POLICIES. THE ORGANIZATION OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN INVOLVES THREE SPHERES - REGIONAL, INTERREGIONAL AND GLOBAL. THE THREE SPHERES CONTAIN RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED RISKS.

6. (U) PROFILES OF ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS, THEIR ORIGIN, STATUS, FOUNDERS, LEADERS AND IDEOLOGY ARE DETAILED. THESE INCLUDE

A. (U) ALGERIA -

- (U) FRONT ISLAMIQUE DU SALUT - FIS,
- (U) HAKKAT AL-MUJTAMA' AL-ISLAMI - HAMAS
- (U) MOUVEMENT DE LA NAHDA ISLAMIQUE - MNI
- (U) PARTI NATIONAL ALGERIEN - PNA
- (U) PARTI DU RENOUVEAU ALGERIEN - PRA
- (U) RABITA AL-DA'WA AL-ISLAMIYA
- (U) MOUVEMENT ISLAMIQUE ALGERIEN - MIA

B. (U) TUNISIA

- (U) MOUVEMENT DE LA TENDANCE ISLAMIQUE - MTI
- (U) TENDANCE ISLAMIQUE PROGRESSISTE
- (U) PARTY OF THE SHURA ISLAMICA
- (U) HABIB DHAOUI OF ISLAMIC JIHAD
- (U) FRONT ISLAMIQUE DU SALUT - FIS

C. (U) MOROCCO

- (U) AL-'ADL WA AL-IHSAN
- (U) AL-SHABIBA AL-ISLAMIYA
- (U) MOUDJAHEDINES MOVEMENT
- (U) JAMA'AT AL-TABLIGH WA AL-DA'WA

D. (U) LIBYA

- (U) AL-IKHWAN AL-MUSLIMUN
- (U) ISLAMIC LIBERATION PARTY - ILP
- (U) ISLAMIC VANGARD / ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT
- (U) ISLAMIC JIHAD

E. (U) EGYPT

- (U) AL-IKHWAN AL-MUSULMANI
- (U) AL-TAHIR AL-ISLAMI / TAKFIR WA AL-HIJRA
- (U) MUNAZZAMAT AL-JIHAD

F. (U) JORDAN

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- (U) HAKARAT AL-TAWID
- (U) ANSAR HAKARAT ABNA' AL-QUR'AN
- G. (U) PALESTINE
- (U) HIZB AL-TAHRIR AL-ISLAMI
- (U) HAKARAT AL-JIHAD AL-ISLAMI FI FILASTIN
- (U) AL-HAKARAT AL-MUQAWAMA AL-ISLAMIYYA - HAMAS

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