



The Security Dimension in the Middle East Peace Negotiations

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As Middle East peace talks continue to face obstacles and challenges, the road ahead for Israel and Palestine continues to be in question. No matter the arrangements, or agreements that will come about, security will remain a key issue, and one of particular concern to Israel and the region. In addition, the role of third parties and regional actors in future security will most likely be an indispensable and integral component and one that can affect Spain and other Europeans directly. The purpose of this meeting is for two senior and experienced former Israeli officials to elucidate this road ahead, especially regarding possible security arrangements and cooperation in the coming future.

09:45 -10:00 Welcoming Remarks

Miguel Requena, Director, Instituto Universitario Gutiérrez Mellado

Emilio Cassinello, Director General, CITpax

General Miguel Ángel Ballesteros, Director, Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos (IEEE)

10:00 - 11:15 Current Political Context and Overview of Future Security Arrangements

Moderator: Cristina Manzano, Deputy Director, FRIDE and Director of Foreign Policy Spanish Edition

Shlomo Ben Ami, Vice-president, CITpax, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Israel

11:15 - 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 12:45 The Role of Third Party in Future Security Arrangements

Moderator: Javier Valenzuela, Journalist, El País

- **Pini Meidan**: former Foreign Policy Adviser to Prime Minister Ehud Barak and participant in the negotiations over the Sharm al-Sheikh Agreement

12:45 – 14:00 Regional Considerations in Security Arrangements in the Context of Peace

Moderator: General Miguel Ángel Ballesteros, Director, Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos (IEEE)

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