



STATUTE

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Article 1 – Establishment and duration of the Council

1. The Mediterranean Council for Intelligence Studies (hereinafter “the MCIS”) was founded on 23 September 2009 in Madrid by the following founding members (in alphabetical order): Mr. Isaac Martin Barbero, Mr. Onur Gokce, Dr. Olivier Saidi, Dr. Shlomo Shpiro.
2. The MCIS is an autonomous non-profit organization, independent of ideological, political or national interests.
3. The MCIS is established on permanent basis.

Article 2 – MCIS internal regulation

1. The MCIS is governed by this Statute. MCIS activities shall be carried out in accordance with its mission and goals, and with the work plan and decisions adopted by the International Advisory Board.
2. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Secretary shall verify the respect of the present Statute and that the activities of the MCIS and related national chapters are carried out in accordance with MCIS mission and goals, and with the work plan and decisions adopted by the International Advisory Board.

Article 3 – MCIS mission and goals

1. The MCIS is a network of scholars, specialists, and students of intelligence dedicated to carrying out research in the area of Intelligence Studies related to Mediterranean countries.
2. The MCIS will specifically focus on the issues related to modernization, reform, development, and mission tasking of intelligence and security services in the Mediterranean region as well as on common security issues to propose best practices and possible solutions. The MCIS will also focus on the development of common concepts, perceptions and ideas on intelligence studies.
3. MCIS affiliated members will share best practices, conduct research and disseminate their findings through reports, briefings, publications (print and electronic), and workshops and conferences.
4. MCIS aims to promote Intelligence Studies as part of university curricula and independent research as well as cultivate the work of younger scholars, concentrating on Intelligence Studies, who originate in Mediterranean countries.
5. MCIS also aims at becoming the premier venue for virtual collaboration in addressing the modernization of the intelligence-security community in the Mediterranean region.

Article 4 – Composition of the MCIS

1. All the 23 countries of the Mediterranean region are member of the MCIS, namely (in alphabetical order): Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Turkey.
2. The organizational structure of the MCIS shall consist of:
 - a) the Chairman;
 - b) the Deputy Chairman;
 - c) the Secretary;
 - d) the founding members;
 - e) the International Advisory Board (hereinafter “the Board”);
 - f) External Advisors;

g) national chapters;

h) associate members.

3. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Secretary compose the Secretariat of the MCIS.

Article 5 – MCIS Chairman

1. The MCIS Chairman is in charge of leading the activities of the Council.

2. The Chairman has the following functions:

a. Overarching responsibility for managing, planning, running, co-coordinating and fund-raising of the activities of the Council, within the framework set by the work plan and decisions adopted by the Board;

b. To prepare and submit to the Board the draft annual work plan of the MCIS and related national chapters by the month of December of the preceding year;

c. To implement the MCIS annual work plan through the resources collected for that purpose;

d. To report regularly on the status of projects and activities and the results achieved in their implementation, on the management of the MCIS, and on the specific funds and other resources entrusted to the Council;

e. To submit by the month of March an annual report addressing the activities carried out by the MCIS and related national chapters, plus the outcomes, referred to the preceding year for approval by the Board;

f. To chair the meetings of the Board;

g. To verify the respect of the present Statute and that the activities of the MCIS and related national chapters are carried out in compliance with MCIS mission and goals, and with the work plan and decisions adopted by the Board;

h. To collect scientific contributions to be approved by the Board for publication on MCIS web-site at RIEAS;

i. To promote and represent the MCIS.

Article 6 – MCIS Deputy Chairman

1. The Deputy Chairman shall execute the daily functions of the Chairman when the latter is prevented from performing them. Moreover, he/she shall assist the Chairman in performing his/her functions.

Article 7 – MCIS Secretary

1. The Secretary shall perform the following tasks:

- a. To supervise the administration of the MCIS;
- b. To keep minutes of the meetings of the Board and of related decisions;
- c. To certify the validity of the decisions adopted by the Board according to article 9 paragraph 7;
- d. To keep tracks of the cooperative agreements with partners;
- e. To verify the respect of the present Statute and that the activities of the MCIS and related national chapters are carried out in compliance with MCIS mission and goals, and with the work plan and decisions adopted by the Board.

Article 8 – MCIS founding members

1. Founding members are members of the Board and as such exercise the relative functions.

Article 9 – MCIS International Advisory Board

1. The MCIS International Advisory Board shall be composed of two representatives per each of the 23 Mediterranean countries listed in article 4 par. 1, founding members included, for a total of 46, elected in their personal capacity by the MCIS Secretariat, also upon suggestion by founding members.

2. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary are not eligible for Board membership.

3. Candidates for the Board shall be persons of high moral standing and with records of distinguished service in the fields of intelligence studies who have made important contributions to the development or implementation of this discipline in

their countries. The Secretariat is responsible for identifying the members of the Board, who shall serve on personal basis.

4. The Board shall meet at least once a year. It can be considered as validly gathered also by data transmission means.

5. The members of the Board shall perform the following tasks:

a. To adopt the annual work plan and to decide about the related allocation of funds;

b. To evaluate the activities of the MCIS in relation to the Council's mission, goals and work plan, as well as to Board's decisions;

c. To approve the draft annual report submitted by the Chairman;

d. To submit and approve proposals about possible activities;

e. To select the papers to be published on the MCIS web-site at RIEAS;

f. To provide their scientific advisory to the Council;

g. To decide upon partnerships;

h. To oversee the MCIS management by the Secretariat.

6. The Board may function at a site other than that of the MCIS Headquarters.

7. The Board shall make every possible effort to reach its decisions by consensus. When a decision cannot be reached by consensus, the Board shall adopt its decisions by a majority of votes of the members in attendance. Decisions are valid only if at least one participant per country participated to the vote. Each member of the Board shall have one vote, which can be also provided via e-mail. The MCIS Secretary shall be in charge of verifying the validity of the decisions adopted by the Board and draft the minutes of the meeting.

8. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Secretary participate to the Board's meeting with voting rights for the adoption of decisions. They can also submit proposals to the Board. Board's meetings are chaired by the MCIS Chairman.

9. National coordinators and associate members are informed via e-mail about the aforementioned decisions. The Secretariat shall be responsible for performing this duty.

Article 10 – External Advisors

1. The Secretariat shall avail itself of the collaboration of external advisors for the pursue of MCIS mission and goals. External advisors shall serve on personal basis.
2. They shall be selected in their personal capacity by the MCIS Secretariat, also upon suggestion by founding members.
3. Candidates shall be persons of high moral standing and with records of distinguished service in the fields of intelligence studies who have made important contributions to the development or implementation of this discipline in their countries. External advisors can be from Mediterranean and non-Mediterranean countries.

Article 11 - National chapters

1. The MCIS is composed of national chapters, led by a national coordinator, who may or may not be a member of the Board. In the latter case, he/she should be at least an associate member or should have any of the other offices within MCIS.
2. National chapters should act in compliance with the present Statute, with MCIS mission and goals, with their work plan and the decisions adopted by the Secretariat.
3. The coordinator of a national chapter shall be appointed by the Chairman, and shall perform the following tasks:
 - a. Overarching responsibility for managing, planning, running, co-coordinating and fund-raising of the activities of the national chapter, within the framework set by their work plan;
 - b. To submit proposals for activities and partnerships;
 - c. To implement activities through the resources collected for that purpose;
 - d. To report regularly on the status of projects and activities and the results achieved in their implementation, on the management of the national chapter, and on the specific funds and other resources entrusted to it;
 - e. To submit to the Secretariat, by the month of January, an annual report addressing the activities carried out by the national chapter and related outcomes, referred to the preceding year. This report shall be included into the MCIS annual report and submitted for approval to the Board;
 - f. To approve the publication of scientific contributions in national language on the national chapter web-site;

g. To promote and represent the national chapters within the boundaries of the respective country.

4. Proposals for activities to be carried out by the MCIS at large in the next year shall be submitted to the Secretariat by the month of November of the preceding year. The Secretariat shall include such proposals in the draft annual work plan to be approved by the Board. Proposals for activities to be carried out in the next year by the national chapter shall be submitted to the Secretariat by the month of November of the preceding year for their approval. The activities of national chapters (national annual work plans) should be collected in an annex of the draft general annual work plan but they are not subjected to Board's approval.

5. Proposals for activities to be carried out by the MCIS or by national chapters during the current year shall be submitted to the Secretariat that shall forward the proposal to the Board for approval in the former case, or shall approve such proposal by itself in the latter case.

6. Proposals for partnerships that involve the whole MCIS shall be submitted to the Secretariat, who shall forward the proposal to the Board for approval. Proposals for partnerships that involve national chapters shall be submitted to the Secretariat for approval. Proposals for partnerships can be submitted in any moment during the year.

Article 12 – MCIS associate members

1. Associate members shall be physical persons. Scholars, specialists and students of intelligence studies can become associate members of the MCIS but without vote. They can participate to MCIS activities, about which they will be informed through a newsletter, and can submit their papers to the Secretariat to be considered for publishing on MCIS web-site at RIEAS. Scientific contributions shall be necessarily in English. They can also submit their papers to the national coordinator of their country to be considered for publishing in national language on the MCIS national section web-site.

Article 13 - Partnerships

1. Partnerships can be made with international and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) specializing in the subject area. In no case partnerships can be made with governmental organizations, in order to ensure the MCIS independence from national pressures. While evaluating the partnership with a NGO, the Board shall verify that this organization is truly independent and autonomous.

2. Partnerships shall specify the terms of the cooperative agreement, which text is presented by the Chairman and approved by the Board with a 2/3 majority. The

Secretary is responsible for keeping tracks of the cooperative agreements and shall reply to queries about related terms.

Article 14 - Financing of the MCIS

1. The MCIS for its functioning, operates by means of:
 - a. Contributions made on voluntary basis for the functioning of the MCIS and organization of events;
 - b. Allocations of funds for research;
 - c. Any other fund specifically destined by decision of the Board to the activity of the MCIS.

Article 15 – Headquarters

1. MCIS administration is based at the Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS) in Athens, Greece.

Article 16 – Entry into force

1. This Statute shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the founding members, together with the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary of the MCIS, and may be amended only by that body through a majority of 2/3. Modifications can be also proposed by the Board but without voting rights.