Security Considerations in Eastern Mediterranean

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Security Issues

• Internal Political Stability
• Regional Cooperation and Alliances
• Energy Security – Area and Global Focus
• Points of Concern: Islamic Fundamentalism, Greek Turkish Rivalry with Cypriot Epicenter, Palestinian Problem, Iraq, Iran and the Gulf
Regime Change and Stability

- From Arab Spring to Arab Autumn
- The Question of Egypt
- The Libyan Riddle
- Concerns About Saudi Arabia
- The Syrian Dilemma and Its Consequences
Regional Cooperation

• Black Sea Cooperation Organization Sidelined
• EU Prospects for Balkan South
• Greek – Turkish Dialogue
• Fragmentation of Africa’s North with Egypt as Pivotal Actor
• Continuing Concerns about Arab – Israeli conflict merely over Palestine
• Jordan’s stabilizing role in intra-Arab/Muslm strains
Question of Energy Security

- Emergence in Energy Map.
- Israel, Cyprus, Egypt role in production of Gas
- Turkey hub of Caspian oil transport to Ceyhan
- Greek prospects for energy discoveries
- Importance of area for Gas transport to Europe (Nabucco, Interconnector, South Stream)
Points of Current Concern

• **Islamic Fundamentalism:** The Islamists Are Coming (Egypt, Algeria, Libya, Sudan, Question of Syria, Struggle of Turkey, Caucasus, Bahrein, Wahabism, Boko Haram islamic militant group in northern Nigeria)

• **Cyprus Issue** hangs over Greek Turkish relations

• The continuing **Palestinian Problem**

• **Syrian Impasse**

• **Iraq, Iran** and the **Gulf Area**
In Conclusion

• Area of on-going concerns but with encouraging prospects.
• Economic crisis sheds shadow in case it involves hitherto stable and wealthy countries.
• New realities appear (Turkey wealthy and powerful, Greece poor and weakening). With mixed prospects (Cooperation or outright Conflict).
• Economic realities and foreign investment (eg China, Russia) may upgrade situation and establish cooperation and security.