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Atlantic Partnership Seminar brings together in Lisbon 70 participants from 19 Atlantic countries

The Atlantic Centre, in partnership with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (Marshall Center), the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (Perry Center) held the Atlantic Partnership Seminar, which took place from the 17th to 20th July, in Forte São Julião da Barra, Lisbon.

The Atlantic Partnership Seminar brought together over 70 high-level participants from 19 countries of all parts of the Atlantic, with the aim of fostering discussion on the current threats and challenges in the Atlantic Ocean, and promoting the development of platforms for cooperation among Atlantic states to enhance their human security and prosperity.

The Seminar was opened by Rear-Admiral Noronha Bragança, Coordinator of the Atlantic Centre, and Amanda Dory, Director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. It included keynote speeches by Admiral Gouveia e Melo, Chief of the Naval Staff of Portugal, and Ambassador Jessica Lappen, Senior Coordinator for Atlantic Cooperation, as well as panels, roundtables and breakout group discussions, under Chatham House Rules.

The Seminar's program also included a dinner hosted by the Minister of Defence of Portugal, Professor Helena Carreiras. This dinner counted with the presence of the Minister of Defence of Ghana, Mr. Dominic Nitiwul, high level diplomatic and military officials and the Seminar participants. During her speech at the dinner, the Portuguese Minister of Defence announced that Ghana had joined the Atlantic Centre, becoming the 22nd signatory to the Atlantic Centre's Political Declaration.