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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2009
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3, on the Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account its Decision No. 884 on the dates of the 2009 Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides to organize the 2009 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the programme, agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2009 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 23 and 24 June 2009

Programme

Tuesday, 23 June 2009

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening session
- 3–6 p.m. Working session I: The OSCE's approach to and activities in the area of early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation

Wednesday, 24 June 2009

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session II: Politico-military aspects of security: Arms control arrangements and confidence- and security-building measures in the OSCE area
- 3–5.45 p.m. Working session III: The OSCE's comprehensive and co-operative approach to preventing and combating terrorism and related threats
- 5.45–6.15 p.m. Closing session

Agenda

Opening session (23 June 2009, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.):

Under the overall theme of Co-operative Security: Concept and Commitment — Achievements, Challenges and Prospects, the opening session will set the stage for the Conference by discussing how participating States have worked together to address common security issues, as well as to generate new ideas for enhancing co-operative and comprehensive security. In this context, the opening session could focus on those proposals brought forth recently by some of the OSCE participating States referring to further enhancing European security. The opening session serves to build an intellectual bridge connecting the ideas of the early years of the CSCE/OSCE with current ideas regarding European security arrangements, providing an opportunity to participants to share their views in a wide and comprehensive forum. Moreover, building on relevant OSCE documents, the session will address the need for synergy in promoting co-operative, indivisible and cross-dimensional security. It would also serve as a link between non-military and politico-military aspects of security.

Working session I: The OSCE's approach to and activities in the area of early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation
(23 June 2009, 3–6 p.m.):

Working session I highlights the importance of addressing and settling the protracted conflicts on the basis of the Helsinki Final Act and all other agreed OSCE norms and principles. It will review the OSCE activities related to crisis situations, *inter alia*, armed conflicts, and their impact on peace, stability and security in the OSCE area, with special focus on developments since the 2008 ASRC, including in August 2008. In this regard, it will examine the relevant work of the field operations as well as which tools, instruments and procedures were used, including Chapter III of the Vienna Document 1999 and what can possibly be learned from these experiences. Moreover, the session will reflect on whether the OSCE toolbox needs further improvement/updating. Since the OSCE approach to early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation is an integral part of discussions on European security, this session will benefit directly from the deliberations in the opening session.

Working session II: Politico-military aspects of security: Arms control arrangements and confidence- and security-building measures in the OSCE area
(24 June 2009, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.):

With reference to paragraph 1 of MC.DEC/13/08 on issues relevant to the Forum for Security Co-operation, the session will focus on efforts in the field of arms control agreements and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs). Participants will have the opportunity to review the state of play of existing arms control arrangements, with special focus on the CFE regime, as well as the CSBMs and possible ways for their further improvement, including better use of regional and subregional CSBMs.

Working session III: The OSCE's comprehensive and co-operative approach to preventing and combating terrorism and related threats (24 June 2009, 3–5.45 p.m.):

This session will provide an opportunity to explore possibilities for realizing the OSCE's concept of comprehensive security in combating terrorism, *inter alia* through discussing OSCE activities referred to in MC.DEC/10/08. Participants will review implementation of existing OSCE commitments in combating terrorism, as mandated by MC(10).DEC/3. Participants could reflect on the Secretary General's report submitted to participating States on 1 April 2009, as stipulated in MC.DEC/10/08. Security challenges and threats linked to terrorist activities, such as the smuggling of arms and narcotics and trafficking in human beings may also be considered. Other topics that could be addressed, especially from a regional perspective and with the combating of terrorism as the common denominator, are border security and management and cross border co-operation. Moreover, the session can be used as a forum to exchange views on progress made in implementing UNSCR 1540 in respect of its relevance to counter-terrorism work in the OSCE.

Closing session (24 June 2009, 5.45–6.15 p.m.):

In the closing session, the Chairperson will present a first perception of the results of the working groups, as well as recommendations made at the Conference on ways to follow up on them, in order to enhance the security dialogue.

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 23 and 24 June 2009

Background

The Tenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, at Porto, by adopting its Decision No. 3, dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, to provide an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

A representative of the Chairperson-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each working session will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will serve as co-ordinator for preparing the session.

The FSC contribution to the ASRC includes the chairing of the second working session by a member of the FSC Troika or the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC).

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions.

The Chairmanship will co-ordinate the preparation of the ASRC with the FSC Chairperson and the OSCE Secretariat.

The Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report on the Conference before the summer recess.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials from capitals, responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC). The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite some heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference. Consideration should be given to the possibility of inviting heads of field operations to be present as keynote speakers or moderators.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 862, of 16 October 2008.

Consideration is to be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think-tanks of international standing, and NGOs to send keynote speakers or to be represented as members of national delegations.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in five sessions. The opening session is intended to provide an opportunity for formal statements to be delivered and to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions at the working sessions. The opening session will include the welcoming remarks by the Chairperson-in-Office or her representative and the report by the FSC Chairperson. The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guest(s) to address the Conference.

The working sessions will concentrate on one topic, introduced by one or two keynote speakers, whose addresses may be followed by a discussion of relevant subtopics that are mentioned in the agenda.

The aim is an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

In order to reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that, at each of the sessions, the interfaces of security, and also the question of co-operation with other international organizations, will be addressed.

To promote interactive discussion, the formal statements at the opening session and the interventions at the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes in length. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

By 9 June 2009, the participants in the Conference should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC, in response to the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference which will be sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 15 June 2009, the participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speeches.

Written contributions should be submitted to the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), which will then distribute them. The information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of the keynote speakers should be focused on the subject of the relevant session, thus setting the scene for the discussion at the sessions, and should stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities.

The maximum available speaking time is 20–25 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session at which they are speaking, and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

To enable delegations to prepare themselves, keynote speakers should provide a written contribution and their biographical synopsis to the CPC by 6 June 2009. In their presentations, keynote speakers should touch on the highlights of their written contribution.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' written reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International organizations may participate in all the sessions. They are invited to concentrate their contributions on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the relevant session.

International organizations should provide factual information, useful for the participants of the ASRC, to the CPC by 6 June 2009.