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**DECISION No. 676  
DATES AND THEME OF THE  
SECOND OSCE MEETING OF POLICE EXPERTS**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with Decision No. 9, paragraph 4, of the Bucharest Ministerial Council meeting of 4 December 2001,

Recalling Sofia Ministerial Decision No. 12/04, Maastricht Ministerial Decision No. 4/03, Porto Ministerial Decision No. 6 and Bucharest Ministerial Decision No. 5 in its commitment to promote tolerance and combat discrimination,

Decides that:

- The second OSCE meeting of police experts will take place in Vienna on 12 and 13 September 2005;
- The subject and focus of the meeting will be how to improve the effectiveness of law enforcement in preventing and combating hate crimes;
- The meeting will be organized in accordance with the agenda and modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

## **AGENDA OF THE SECOND OSCE MEETING OF POLICE EXPERTS**

### **Improving the effectiveness of law enforcement in preventing and combating hate crimes**

(12 and 13 September 2005)

Hofburg, Vienna

Chair: Richard Monk, Senior Police Adviser to the OSCE  
Secretary General, Head of the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit

Moderator: Karl-Åke Pettersson, Police Affairs Officer (Uniform and Support)/  
Deputy-Head of the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit

#### **Monday, 12 September 2005**

9.30–9.45 a.m.	Opening session Opening addresses: Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship Representative of the OSCE Secretary General  Opening remarks by the Chair and the Moderator
9.45–10.30 a.m.	Session 1: The role of the OSCE in combating discrimination and promoting tolerance
10.30–11.15 a.m.	Session 2: Overview of hate crime and report on the ODIHR Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Training Programme
11.15–11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Session 3: Preventing and combating anti-Semitic hate crimes
12.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30–3.30 p.m.	Session 4: Preventing and combating hate crimes against Muslims
3.30–4 p.m.	Coffee break

4–5 p.m. Session 5: Preventing and combating hate crimes against Christians and members of other religions

5 p.m. Close

**Tuesday, 13 September 2005**

9.30–10.30 a.m. Session 6: Preventing and combating hate crimes against national, ethnic or linguistic minorities

10.30–11.30 a.m. Session 7: Preventing and combating hate crimes against Roma and Sinti

11.30–11.45 a.m. Coffee break

11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Session 8: Preventing and combating hate crimes against persons belonging to vulnerable groups

12.30–2.30 p.m. Lunch break

2.30–3.30 p.m. Session 9: Discussion and feedback

3.30–4 p.m. Coffee break

4–5 p.m. Closing plenary: Recapitulation and conclusions

Moderator: Richard Monk, Senior Police Adviser to the OSCE Secretary General

Comments from the floor

Close

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE SECOND OSCE MEETING OF POLICE EXPERTS**

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#### **Aim of the meeting**

In accordance with Bucharest Decision No. 9 regarding police-related activities, the meeting will serve to increase and promote the exchange of information on police investigation methods and the measures necessary to counter the challenge of hate crimes.

The subject proposed will be examined over two days. In addition to providing an opportunity for practitioners to exchange information with their counterparts and with international criminal police organizations as well as international and regional organizations specialized in countering hate crimes, the meeting will offer a practical focus that will contribute to an improved understanding of the subject. Two or three keynote speakers per session should set the scene for the discussion and stimulate the debate.

The meeting will also draw upon the recommendations and points arising from the Meeting of OSCE Police and Law Enforcement Experts, which took place in Vienna on 9 and 10 October 2002 (SEC.GAL/196/02/Rev.1).

A detailed report on the meeting will be presented to the Permanent Council by the Senior Police Adviser.

#### **Languages**

Interpretation will be provided in the six working languages of the OSCE.

#### **Participation**

Police experts from OSCE participating States and other relevant experts including representatives of the following international and regional organizations: the United Nations, Council of Europe, Interpol, Europol, the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, International Association of Chiefs of Police, SECI Regional Centre for Combating Transborder Crime, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Collective Security Treaty Organization will participate in the meeting. Other relevant international and regional organizations might be invited.

Police experts from the Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend and to make contributions related to their co-operation and links with the OSCE.

The intention is to develop a free-flowing practitioner-based discussion on how law enforcement may become more effective in preventing and combating hate crimes. To this end, formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are not envisaged. Prepared statements or other written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation by OSCE Conference Services but unfortunately cannot be translated into all OSCE languages.

### **Organization**

Registration for the period of the meeting is available from 8.30 a.m. onwards on Monday, 12 September 2005 in the first floor — Heldenplatz entrance.