

353rd Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA, MODALITIES AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR THE
EXPERT MEETING ON COMBATING TERRORISM WITHIN
THE POLITICO-MILITARY DIMENSION OF THE OSCE

(Vienna, 14 to 15 May 2002)

1. Context

The Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism commits participating States to “use the FSC to strengthen their efforts in combating terrorism through full and timely implementation of all relevant measures agreed by the OSCE”, enhancing the implementation of existing politico-military commitments, in particular the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and the Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, and to examine the relevance of its other documents and assess whether there is a need to develop additional norms and measures. Moreover, each OSCE body called upon to take action under the Bucharest Plan is to prepare a “road map” for implementation of the tasks.

Against this broader background and particularly in the light of recommendations made in the Bishkek Programme of Action, an idea of convening a meeting of experts on terrorism has gained wide support in the FSC. Such a meeting will be a part of the FSC road map in the context of the overall FSC effort to implement the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism. The meeting will be held and organized under the authority of the FSC and will focus on exchanging information and assessments on the threat of terrorism in the OSCE area. Against that background it will be able to take stock of the existing politico-military instruments, while it will be up to the FSC to consider implications, if any, and draw possible conclusions in its further work under the road map.

2. Objectives

- To exchange information, analyses and assessments about the threat of terrorism in its politico-military aspects drawing upon expert keynote presentations;
- To take stock of the instruments available within the politico-military dimension of the OSCE for countering the threat identified and to share information on the action taken;

- To exchange opinions on ways of increasing the efficiency of the existing instruments within the politico-military dimension of the OSCE, including enhancing the complementarity and synergy between OSCE and other international organizations.

3. Agenda and order of business

3.1 Opening plenary (chaired by the FSC Chair)

- Opening statement by the Chairperson of the FSC
- Presentation by the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in Office for Preventing and Combating Terrorism
- Presentations by representatives of other international organizations

3.2 Working Session I

- Information on and assessment of the threat of terrorism in the OSCE area (chaired by moderator)
- Keynote expert presentations on the assessment of the threat of terrorism in the OSCE area, including its objectives, forms and means (panel of experts)
- Discussion

3.3 Working Session II

- Instruments available, action taken (chaired by moderator)
- Keynote presentations
- Relevance of instruments available within the politico-military dimension of the OSCE (experts)
- Information on the action taken by participating States, in particular within the politico-military dimension of the OSCE (national experts)
- Discussion

3.4 Closing Plenary (chaired by the Chair of the FSC)

- Presentation of reports by rapporteurs for working sessions I and II
- Discussion of the results of the meeting
- Closing remarks by the Chair

4. Organizational modalities

- (a) The meeting is intended for delegations and national experts from capitals; relevant international organizations will be invited to participate and/or make presentations, as appropriate; relevant institutions/think tanks involved in following and analysing the issue of terrorism will be invited to offer expert speakers.
- (b) The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in the meeting under existing modalities.

Tentative timetable

	Tuesday, 14 May 2002	Wednesday, 15 May 2002
Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)	Opening plenary/ Working session I	Working session II/ Closing plenary
Afternoon (3-6 p.m.)	Working session I/II	