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DECISION No. 10/09 AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

2 and 3 March 2010

Vienna Document 1999:

(148)	The participating States will hold each year a meeting to discuss the present and future implementation of agreed CSBMs. Discussion may extend to:	
(148.1)	– Clarification of questions arising from such implementation;	
(148.2)	 Operation of agreed measures, including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits; 	
(148.3)	- Implications of all information originating from the implementation of any agreed measures for the process of confidence- and security-building in the framework of the OSCE.	
(150)	The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will hold such meetings. It will consider, as required, suggestions made during the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.	

In addition to the provisions contained in the Vienna Document itself and set out above the meeting provides an opportunity for a broader assessment of implementation of agreed CSBMs and other FSC-agreed measures/documents.

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 2 March 2010

10–11 a.m. Opening session

- Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson;
- Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC;

- Presentation of a summary report by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC);
- Presentation of a report by the CPC on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres held on 14 December 2009 (FSC.DEC/4/09).

11.30 a.m.–6 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI): Clarification, assessment and conclusions

- Vienna Document 1999:
 - Annual exchange of military information;
 - Defence planning;
 - Risk reduction;
 - Military activities:
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities;
 - (ii) Annual calendars;
 - (iii) Constraining provisions;
 - (iv) Observation of certain military activities;
 - Contacts:
 - (i) Best Practice Guide on Contacts;
 - Evaluation;
 - Inspection;
 - Regional measures;
 - Communications Network.
- GEMI.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1 (continued)

Wednesday, 3 March 2010

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Operation and implementation of other FSC-agreed measures/documents: Clarification, assessment and conclusions

- Principles governing conventional arms transfers;
- Principles governing non-proliferation;
- Stabilizing measures for localized crisis situations;
- Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines;
- Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security;
- OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW);
- OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition;
- Principles for export controls of MANPADS;
- Principles on the control of brokering in SALW;
- Standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures for SALW exports.

1–3 p.m.	Lunch break
3–4.30 p.m.	Working session 3: Suggestions aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs
5–6 p.m.	Closing session
	 Discussion; Concluding remarks;

– Closure.

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will have opening and closing sessions, as well as working sessions, dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (I). The indicative timetable provides more detail.

2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC will be held on Monday, 1 March 2010, at 3 p.m.

The working hours of the AIAM will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

3. Interpretation into the OSCE official languages will be provided at all sessions of the AIAM.

4. The sessions will be chaired by representatives of the participating States, in rotation, in accordance with the French alphabetical order, following on from the chairing of the closing plenary meeting of the 2009 AIAM by Canada. The chair of the opening session and working sessions will be held by Cyprus. The chair of the closing session will be held by Croatia.

5. Debates in the working sessions will be oriented towards problems and solutions and there will be no formal statements. Any national statements for the opening session should be presented in written form only and are to be distributed in advance. The working sessions are designed to be very informal meetings of national experts with the objectives of answering questions, exchanging information and allowing for constructive debate between participating States. Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed explanations and concrete examples of their own implementation experiences. Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the Meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide national experts to participate in the AIAM.

6. To serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators, the CPC will circulate no later than 12 February 2010:

- The revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2009;

- A summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and other measures;
- A summary report on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres held on 14 December 2009.

7. Working session 1 will have two designated co-ordinators and two rapporteurs while working sessions 2 and 3 will have one co-ordinator and one rapporteur. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate the discussion, while the immediate task of the rapporteurs will be to present a brief written summary report for use by the Chairperson of the closing session.

8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions for facilitating the discussion in their working sessions. They will be supported by the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed. The co-ordinators are also encouraged to focus discussions on suggestions that might be supported by delegations.

9. Delegations that have volunteers to act as co-ordinators or/and rapporteurs for the working sessions should provide the names of the individuals to the Chairperson of the FSC as soon as possible, but no later than 12 February 2010. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for each working session will be made known to all delegations no later than 15 February 2010.

10. During the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing session will report on the AIAM to the FSC and provide the Chairperson's report together with the reports of the rapporteurs of the working sessions. Rapporters are encouraged to circulate their reports to those participating States that contributed to the relevant working session. Within a month after the AIAM the CPC will circulate a written report on suggestions made during the Meeting aimed at improving the implementation of CSBMs.

11. The approach recommended in order to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC when the participating States consider, as required, suggestions for improvement of the implementation of CSBMs made during the Meeting, is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.

12. The agenda and dates of the 2011 AIAM will be agreed by a decision in the FSC before the end of 2010.

13. The Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend all sessions of the 2010 AIAM.