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DECISION No. 1203
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2016 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE

(Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, 6 and 7 June 2016)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 1179 of 22 October 2015 on the dates and venue of the 2016 OSCE Asian Conference, to be held in the Kingdom of Thailand, on 6 and 7 June 2016,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Welcoming the offer by the Kingdom of Thailand to host the annual conference with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2016 OSCE Asian Conference on strengthening comprehensive security;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference as contained in the annex.

AGENDA, TIMETABLE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2016 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY

Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, 6 and 7 June 2016

Co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Monday, 6 June 2016

8.30–9.15 a.m.	Registration of participants
9.15–10 a.m.	Opening session (open to the media)

Chairperson: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Addresses by:

– Representative of the host country
– Representatives of the Asian Partners for Co-operation
– Representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation (Serbia)
– Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office (Germany)
– Secretary General of the OSCE

Photo opportunity (directly following the opening)
or
Technical break (directly following the opening)

10–10.30 a.m.	Coffee break
10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Session 1: Enhancing international efforts to strengthen security co-operation

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

–   Cultivating co-operation in preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism (VERLT)

–   Enhancing regional and international co-operation, including best practices in information-sharing to combat terrorism

–   Promoting interregional exchange on best practices related to efforts designed to enhance confidence between States in the field of cyber/ICT-security

Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

1–3 p.m.	Lunch
3–5.15 p.m.	Session 2: Promoting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to ensure peace and prosperity

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

–   Promotion of measures to lift people out of poverty and improve their living condition

–   Women empowerment and enhancing the role of women in economic development

–   Activities in support of global efforts in tackling the world drug problem in the framework of UNGASS 2016 and the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development

Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

Tuesday, 7 June 2016

9–11 a.m.

Session 3: Trafficking in human beings and irregular migration: sharing experiences and lessons learned between Europe and Asia

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

–   Addressing the root causes including through economic and social development and improvement of livelihood in at-risk communities

–   Strengthening law enforcement to dismantle smuggling and trafficking networks

–   Enhancing efforts on provision of protection and assistance to victims of trafficking, especially women and children

Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

11–11.15 a.m.

Coffee break

11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m.

Closing session (open to the media)

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation

12.30–1.15 p.m.

Lunch

1–7 p.m.

Excursion

II. Participation

The OSCE participating States are invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE executive structures and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC), Central European Initiative (CEI), Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Council of Europe (CoE), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), United Nations (UN), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Women, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Representatives of the members of the ARF may attend as guests of the host country. Other countries and organizations may also be invited by the host country.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

III. Timetable and other organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening session) on 6 June 2016 and end at 7 p.m. on 7 June 2016.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and a representative of the host country.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council.

Rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to the media. The Conference will be held in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand. The working language will be English.

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of the United States of America:

"In connection with the adoption of the decision on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2016 OSCE Asian Conference, the United States would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States welcomes the adoption of this decision, and we thank Thailand for its generosity in hosting the conference. We look forward to participating.

In connection with working session one, we note it is our understanding that the issues relating to countering violent extremism and combating terrorism will be discussed separately from the unrelated issue of cyber security.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."