

**Chairmanship: Albania****1272nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 18 June 2020 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconferencing)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 4.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Hasani

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson reminded the Permanent Council of the technical modalities for the conduct of meetings of the Council during the COVID-19 pandemic (SEC.GAL/45/20 OSCE+) (CIO.GAL/73/20/Rev.1 OSCE+).

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine (SEC.FR/380/20 Restr.), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/724/20), United States of America (PC.DEL/708/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/703/20), Turkey (PC.DEL/718/20 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/717/20), Switzerland (PC.DEL/706/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Ukraine (PC.DEL/714/20)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1370 (PC.DEC/1370) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Canada (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), United Kingdom (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 5 to the decision), Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 6 to the decision), Ukraine (interpretative statement, see attachment 7 to the decision)

Agenda item 3:           DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1371 (PC.DEC/1371) on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/735/20), Canada (PC.DEL/704/20 OSCE+), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/726/20), Switzerland (PC.DEL/705/20 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/719/20 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/710/20), United Kingdom
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (Annex 1) (PC.DEL/707/20), Ukraine, France (PC.DEL/720/20 OSCE+)
- (c) *International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, to be observed on 19 June 2020:* Chairperson, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender (CIO.GAL/95/20/Corr.1), Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/711/20), United States of America (PC.DEL/712/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/709/20), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of

the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/725/20), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/721/20 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina (also on behalf of Albania, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom)

- (d) *Violations of freedom of the media in Latvia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/713/20), Latvia (PC.DEL/716/20 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5:           REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
                                  CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Second Preparatory Meeting for the 28th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, held on 15 and 16 June 2020*: Chairperson
- (b) *2020 Chairmanship OSCE-wide online Cyber/ICT Security Day, held on 15 June 2020*: Chairperson
- (c) *Webinar on “Combating the pandemic within the COVID-19 pandemic: violence against women and girls”, held on 17 June 2020*: Chairperson
- (d) *Second Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) of 2020, on Freedom of Expression, Media and Information, to be held online on 22 and 23 June 2020*: Chairperson
- (e) *Announcement of the distribution of draft decisions concerning the 2020 Human Dimension Seminar and the 2020 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting*: Chairperson
- (f) *Agenda and organizational modalities of the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference, to be held in Vienna from 23 to 25 June 2020*: Chairperson
- (g) *Permanent Council meeting with the Asian Partners for Co-operation, to be held on 3 September 2020, and with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, to be held on 26 November 2020*: Chairperson

Agenda item 6:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Second Preparatory Meeting for the 28th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, held on 15 and 16 June 2020*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/20 OSCE+)
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 2020 Chairmanship OSCE-wide online Cyber/ICT Security Day, held on 15 June 2020*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/20 OSCE+)

- (c) *Webinar on “COVID-19’s impact on connectivity and trade – Sustainable responses in the digital era”, held on 10 June 2020: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/20 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Regional meeting of heads of OSCE field operations in South-Eastern Europe, held on 11 June 2020: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/20 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Re-extension of the vacancy notice for the post of Deputy Co-ordinator in the Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/20 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Online side event on “Over the Horizon Scanning: Strategic Foresight and its Relevance for the OSCE”, to be held on the margins of the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference on 24 June 2020: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/20 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the OSCE, Ambassador V. Osipov: Chairperson, Moldova*
- (b) *COVID-19 pandemic-related support to Afghanistan: Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (Annex 2)*
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Lithuania, to be held on 11 October 2020: Lithuania*
- (d) *Early parliamentary elections in North Macedonia, to be held on 15 July 2020: North Macedonia*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 2 July 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



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Annex 1

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**1272nd Plenary Meeting**

PC Journal No. 1272, Agenda item 4(b)

**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the regular discussion in the Permanent Council of issues concerning the settlement of the conflict in Ukraine, we should like to highlight the following key points.

The agenda item “Russia’s ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea” introduced by the Ukrainian delegation for the past six years is a serious politicized attempt to replace the idea and content of the political settlement process and its aims and tasks defined in the basic documents such as the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements of 12 February 2015, approved by United Nations Security Council resolution 2202, the decisions of the Normandy Four leaders, including the agreed outcomes of their meeting in Paris on 9 December 2019, and the numerous decisions of the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG). There has never been any mention of “aggression” or “occupation” in any of these legal documents.

The main principle underlying these mechanisms for facilitating the resolution of the internal Ukrainian conflict, primarily within the framework of the TCG in Minsk, is to ensure sustainable and effective dialogue between the parties to the conflict – the authorities in Kyiv, Donetsk and Luhansk – in the interest of achieving peace and security as quickly as possible. This is also the purpose of the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine issued in 2014 by all 57 participating States. And these are the aims endorsed by the authorized representatives of our Organization co-ordinating the negotiations in the TCG.

The intention of the Ukrainian delegation to continue the unprecedented confrontational rhetoric in the Permanent Council once again demonstrates the Ukrainian Government’s unwillingness to fulfil its international obligations and its desire to further complicate the situation in the conflict zone and draw dividing lines in the OSCE – and in the end to discredit the Organization itself, leading the discussions in a different direction that has nothing to do with the real tasks of settlement and the establishment of peaceful life in Ukraine.

We cannot all afford the luxury of following this false path, which runs contrary to the OSCE norms and principles of preventive diplomacy, conflict prevention and crisis management.

We once again urge the Permanent Council as a decision-making body within the OSCE to shift its attention to effective and constructive discussion of the truly urgent and immediate problems of conflict settlement in Ukraine in line with the TCG decisions and the instructions of the leaders of the “Normandy format” countries.

We reconfirm the proposal by the Russian delegation, which was officially recorded in the journal of the day of the Permanent Council meeting on 3 October 2019, to combine the issues directly related to the settlement of the conflict in Ukraine in a single item.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you for your attention.



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Permanent Council**

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18 June 2020  
Annex 2

Original: ENGLISH

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**1272nd Plenary Meeting**

PC Journal No. 1272, Agenda item 7(b)

**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF AFGHANISTAN (PARTNER FOR  
CO-OPERATION)**

Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,  
Dear colleagues,

In the last weeks I have had very fruitful meetings with the OSCE Secretary General Thomas Greminger, Ambassador Igli Hasani, Ambassador Radomír Boháč and many other allies and friends of Afghanistan. They have encouraged me to use the OSCE as a platform for sensitizing all OSCE participating States to the dire impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Afghanistan.

Therefore, allow me to use this meeting of the Permanent Council, where I am among friends and partners, to share an important message with you in this situation of crisis.

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is facing extensive consequences of the coronavirus pandemic and has regularly been implementing measures to limit the virus's spread. In this critical situation, the provision of assistance to countries in need is essential. Afghanistan now more than ever needs the support and co-operation of the international community in suppressing COVID-19 within its borders.

We appeal to the international community for greater solidarity with Afghanistan at this critical time, in order to prevent a larger-scale outbreak of the coronavirus among the most vulnerable communities.

It is a critical time to co-operate and communicate, not only by sharing our experience and vision but also by taking decisive action together as an international community.

Afghans count on the solidarity and commitment of the international community.

The COVID-19 pandemic knows no borders; it is a crisis that affects us all and needs a global solution at the regional and international levels. We should take a collective approach in line with the principle of shared responsibility, in order to protect the human rights of all people who are facing incredible hardships in combating this crisis.

With the increase of Afghans returning home from neighbouring countries and the risk of medical and social services being overwhelmed, the Government of Afghanistan is in urgent need of essential supplies in the fight against the pandemic. Under SEC.DEL/188/20, a letter has been sent via Document Distribution to all Heads of Missions of the OSCE participating States and Partners, to which we have attached a complete and detailed list of Afghanistan's COVID-19 needs.

We would highly appreciate assistance and international support in the form of donations from your country for any of the listed items, at your choice and discretion, which will contribute to mitigating the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This support is needed not only in the short term, while our country tries to fight off the immediate impact of this deadly virus, but also in the long term, when our economy and social structures will need to recover from the huge loss of life and economic disruption we are suffering now. Quite apart from the virus, Afghanistan is also fighting a battle against terrorism for peace and security, and all our initiatives are jeopardized by this crisis.

We attach great importance to the role played by the OSCE, other international organizations and the international community in general in overcoming the many challenges faced by our country.

Multilateral action, diplomacy and international solidarity are highly significant joint efforts in the fight against the pandemic.

We appeal to all OSCE participating States and Partners to strengthen their support and commitment to the people of Afghanistan during the COVID-19 emergency.

We have received great responses from individual countries and from the United Nations and other international organizations. I am grateful for their support to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan through the provision of consignments of personal protective equipment (PPE), diagnostic kits and equipment to help medical staff fighting COVID-19.

This kind of solidarity needs to be encouraged and we stand in great need of further support of this kind.

At this point, allow me to extend special thanks to H.E. Secretary General Thomas Greminger, H.E. Ambassador Iqli Hasani, H.E. Ambassador Radomír Boháč and all of our international friends, allies and partners for standing with us over the 19 years of our journey together and for continuing to support us today. Your support will forever remain in the hearts and minds of all Afghans.

I remain hopeful that we – as an international community – can prevail, and together stop the most horrible consequences of this pandemic.

The people of Afghanistan need you. And today, more than ever, it is not the moment to forget Afghanistan.



Please note that the statements of Afghanistan delivered today will be shared via Document Distribution. We request the Chairmanship to attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

I thank you.



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Permanent Council**

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**1272nd Plenary Meeting**  
PC Journal No. 1272, Agenda item 2

**DECISION No. 1370  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 31 December 2020.

PC.DEC/1370  
18 June 2020  
Attachment 1

Original: 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 Turkey:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Turkey reiterates that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea, which Turkey continues to regard as part of Ukraine.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

Thank you.”

PC.DEC/1370  
18 June 2020  
Attachment 2

Original: 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 Canada:

“Mr. Chairperson,

Canada wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure in connection with the Permanent Council decision, just adopted, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea. In this context, we wish to reiterate our full support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. Canada has not and will not recognize the illegal annexation of Ukraine’s Autonomous Republic of Crimea by the Russian Federation.

Canada requests that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”

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

The delegation of Croatia, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

The European Union stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.”

The candidate countries the Republic of North Macedonia<sup>1</sup>, Montenegro<sup>1</sup> and Albania<sup>1</sup>, and the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Georgia, Andorra and San Marino align themselves with this statement.

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1 The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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Attachment 4

Original: 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 Kingdom:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision, just adopted, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the United Kingdom would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

We recall our resolute support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its international borders, including its territorial waters. We strongly condemn Russia’s illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol, which the United Kingdom will not recognize. We join the European Union and our international partners in reiterating that the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.”

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18 June 2020  
Attachment 5

Original: 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 for the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the United States joins the other speakers here today in making the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States notes that Crimea remains an integral and internationally recognized part of Ukraine, despite Russia’s occupation and attempted annexation. The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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Attachment 6

ENGLISH  
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**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 Russian Federation:

“Having joined the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the Russian Federation takes the position that the geographical area of activity of the Co-ordinator will fully reflect the political and legal realities existing since 21 March 2014, namely that the Republic of Crimea and the federal city of Sevastopol are integral parts of the Russian Federation. Consequently, the Co-ordinator’s activities, including project activities, do not apply to these constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of the day.”



**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 Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which are an integral part of Ukraine, were illegally occupied and subjected to attempted annexation by the Russian Federation in violation of the OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders are safeguarded by the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine and norms of international law. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders was reconfirmed by the UN General Assembly resolutions 68/262 ‘Territorial integrity of Ukraine’ of 27 March 2014, 71/205 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)’ of 19 December 2016, 72/190 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 19 December 2017, 73/263 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 22 December 2018, 74/168 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ adopted on 18 December 2019, as well as by the resolutions 73/194 ‘The problem of militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine), as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov’ adopted on 17 December 2018 and 74/17 ‘Problem of the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov’ adopted on 9 December 2019.

Ukraine stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine extends to the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to this decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”



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Permanent Council**

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**1272nd Plenary Meeting**  
PC Journal No. 1272, Agenda item 3

**DECISION No. 1371**  
**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE**  
**2020 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. 1367 on the dates of the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference,

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

Decides to organize the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

## **2020 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Vienna, 23–25 June 2020

### **Building stability through dialogue**

#### **Agenda**

##### **Tuesday, 23 June 2020**

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| 1.30–3 p.m.    | Opening session  |
| 3.30–5.30 p.m. | Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine |

##### **Wednesday, 24 June 2020**

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Working session I: Transnational threats – current and future trends in the OSCE area and beyond       |
| 12 noon         | Lunch break  |
| 1.30–3 p.m.     | Working session II: Conflict and crisis situations in the OSCE area – building security and confidence |
| 3.30–5 p.m.     | Special Session: The Structured Dialogue   |

##### **Thursday, 25 June 2020**

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Working session III: Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures – challenges and opportunities  |
| 12 noon         | Lunch break   |
| 1.30–3.30 p.m.  | Working session IV: The OSCE's role in early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution, and post-conflict rehabilitation – lessons learned and the way ahead |
| 3.30–4 p.m.     | Closing session   |

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Vienna, 23–25 June 2020

### **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 the security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, as well as 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 a moderator and a rapporteur, as will each special session. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will serve as co-ordinator for the preparation of the working sessions.

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will contribute to the Conference in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences. In particular, the third working session will be chaired by the Chairperson of the FSC.

The ASRC will be subject to the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE. The guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.

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

The OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office (Albania) will prepare the work of this year's ASRC, in close co-ordination with the FSC Chairperson and the OSCE Secretariat.

Following the Conference, the Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report of the Conference's proceedings.

The Communication and Media Relations Section (COMMS) will inform the press, as appropriate, and will work in close co-ordination with the Chairmanship.

## **Participation**

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

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the CPC. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are also invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference. Heads of field operations or other high-ranking OSCE officials may also be invited to serve as keynote speakers or moderators.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

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

## **General guidelines for participants**

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in eight sessions. The opening session is intended to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions during the special and working sessions. The opening session will include welcoming remarks by the Chairmanship-in-Office. The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guests to address the Conference.

Each working session and the special sessions will focus on a specific subject, introduced by keynote speakers, whose addresses will be followed by a discussion of relevant topics in accordance with the agenda.

The aim is interactive and free-flowing discussion.

In order to further enhance the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that each of the sessions will also address aspects of co-operation with international and regional organizations.

To encourage interactive discussion, interventions by delegations at the opening, special and working sessions should be as concise as possible, not exceeding five minutes in length. Moderators will be asked to enforce these time limits strictly. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility of free-flowing discussion.

In accordance with the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference sent out by the OSCE Secretariat, participants should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC by 19 June 2020.

Participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions by 19 June 2020.

Written contributions should be submitted to Conference Services, which will then distribute them. Inputs to be circulated may also include, if appropriate, contributions by OSCE institutions and other international organizations.

### **Guidelines for keynote speakers**

Keynote speakers should address the subject of their respective session, setting the scene for the subsequent discussion among delegations by raising appropriate thematic questions and suggesting potential recommendations for the work of the OSCE.

Presentations should be brief and concise and remain within the limit of 10 minutes per keynote speaker.

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

Keynote speakers should provide a written contribution and their curriculum vitae to the CPC by 15 June 2020. Within their presentations, keynote speakers should touch upon the highlights (or core elements) of their written contribution.

### **Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs**

Moderators chairing the special and working sessions should facilitate and foster the debate among delegations. Moderators should facilitate the discussion by introducing items strictly related to the subject of the session they are chairing.

Following the Conference, the written reports provided by rapporteurs should address issues raised during the special and working sessions, covering suggestions elaborated during the sessions, and other relevant information. Personal views will not be accepted as part of the reports.

Moderators and rapporteurs should identify and summarize specific recommendations advanced during their respective session.

### **Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations**

International and regional organizations may participate in all special and working sessions. They are kindly invited to focus on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the relevant session.

International and regional organizations should provide the participants of the ASRC with factual and relevant information on their work by sending such information to Conference Services by 19 June 2020.