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ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING 1-3 March 1999

I. AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the Meeting by the Chairman
 - Report of the Chairman of the FSC on CSBM implementation issues discussed in the FSC during 1998
 - Situation report by the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
 - General remarks
- 2. Operation and implementation of CSBMs with focus on the Vienna Document 1994: clarification, assessment and conclusions:
 - (a) annual exchange of military information;
 - (b) defence planning;
 - (c) military activities:
 - prior notification of certain military activities;
 - observation of certain military activities;
 - annual calendars;
 - constraining provisions;
 - (d) compliance and verification;
 - (e) risk reduction;
 - (f) contacts;
 - (g) communications.
- 3. Operation and implementation of other FSC agreed measures/documents: clarification, assessment, and conclusions:
 - Global Exchange of Military Information;
 - Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers;
 - Principles Governing Non-proliferation;
 - Stabilizing Measures for Localized Crisis Situations;
 - CSBMs Stemming from Regional and Subregional Arrangements;
 - Code of Conduct on politico-military aspects of security.
- 4. Closure of the Meeting

- Working Group Summaries and concluding remarks
- Date of the 2000 Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting

II. TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

1. The AIAM will be organized into opening and closing plenary meetings, and Working Group meetings to address different portions of the agenda. The indicative timetable provides more detail.

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

Interpretation into the OSCE official languages will be provided.

- 2. The Chair for the meeting will be held in rotation among the delegates in French alphabetical order, proceeding from the Chair for the last day of the 1998 AIAM (Poland). On 1 March the Chair will be Portugal; on 3 March the Chair will be Romania.
- 3. There will be no formal statements in the Working Groups.

All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide experts to participate in these informal meetings. The more experts present from a variety of countries, the more useful and informative the AIAM will be. Working Groups are designed to be very informal sessions with the dual objective of answering questions and exchanging information between participating States.

4. Each Working Group will have a designated Co-ordinator. The Co-ordinator's duties will be to facilitate the discussion and to make an oral report during the closing plenary.

If possible, the Co-ordinator will circulate a list of discussion questions or topics prior to his or her session to help guide the discussion and ensure that all relevant areas are addressed.

During the first part of the closing plenary meeting, the Co-ordinator of each Working Group will provide a short oral report to the delegates on the issues that the Working Group has addressed, including problem areas, improvements achieved, suggestions for further improvement and any other pertinent information. After each oral report, the Co-ordinator will answer questions. Delegations are encouraged to comment on or add to the Co-ordinator's reports.

The Co-ordinator is also strongly encouraged to provide written input to the CPC for inclusion in its survey of suggestions.

Delegations that have volunteers for the role of Working Group Co-ordinator should provide the name of the individual and Working Group number to the Chairman of the FSC as soon as possible, but not later than 19 February. A Working Group may have more than

one Co-ordinator. The Co-ordinator for each Working Group will be made known to all delegations not later than 24 February.

5. Pertinent additional areas relating to CSBMs can be considered for discussion. All delegations are strongly encouraged to propose topics and provide experts from their countries. Delegations that wish to suggest additional areas for discussion in the Working Groups should contact the Chairman of the FSC not later than 19 February.

Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed explanations and concrete examples of their own implementation procedures as appropriate.

- 6. Within one month of the conclusion of the AIAM, the CPC will provide a written survey of suggestions made during the Meeting aiming at improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.
- 7. During the first FSC plenary meeting after the conclusion of the AIAM, the Chairman of the closing plenary will submit a report to the FSC on the AIAM.
- 8. The Mediterranean partners for co-operation and Japan, as well as the Republic of Korea, are invited to attend the opening and closing plenary meetings of the 1999 Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting.
- 9. Indicative timetable

Monday, 1 March

9 a.m. Organizational meeting (for Chairpersons, Co-ordinators, CPC)

10 a.m. Opening plenary

- Report of the Chairman of the FSC on CSBM implementation issues discussed in the FSC during 1998

- Situation report by the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

- General remarks

1 p.m. Lunch break

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Working Group I - Agenda item 2(a)

- annual exchange of military information

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Working Group II - Agenda item 2(b)

- defence planning

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Working Group V - Agenda item 2(g)

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- communications

6 p.m. Meeting adjourns

Tuesday, 2 March

10 a.m. Working Group III - Agenda items 2(c) and 2(d)

10 a.m. - 12 noon - military activities

12 noon - 1 p.m. - compliance and verification

1 p.m. Lunch break

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - compliance and verification

4 p.m. Working Group IV - Agenda items 2(e) and 2(f)

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. - risk reduction

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - contacts

6 p.m. Meeting adjourns

Wednesday, 3 March

10 a.m. Working Group VI - Agenda item 3

10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. - Operation and implementation of other agreed

measures/documents

- assessment, clarification and conclusions:

- Global Exchange of Military Information;

- Principles Governing Conventional Arms

Transfers;

- Principles Governing Non-proliferation;

- Stabilizing Measures for Localized Crisis

Situations;

- CSBMs stemming from regional and

subregional arrangements;

m. - Code of Conduct on politico-military aspects of

security.

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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1 p.m. Lunch break

3 p.m. Closing plenary (Agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

- Summary of working group meetings
- Discussion
- Concluding remarks
- Date of the 2000 AIAM
- Closure

6 p.m. 1999 AIAM adjourns