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AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
FOR THE SPECIAL FSC MEETING ON COMBATING THE ILLICIT
TRAFFICKING OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS BY AIR**

21 March 2007

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 9/06 and FSC Decision No. 7/06,

Decides to organize this special FSC meeting on combating the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons by air in accordance with the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities annexed to this decision.

SPECIAL FSC MEETING ON COMBATING THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS BY AIR

I. Agenda and Indicative Timetable

Wednesday, 21 March 2007

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| 10–10.15 a.m. | Opening session

Chairperson of the FSC: Mr. S. Attas (Cyprus)

— Opening remarks |
| 10.15–11 a.m. | Working session 1: Painting the full picture, through regional case-studies and illustrating the security risks, including terrorism

— Introduction by session moderator

— Small arms and light weapons trafficking by air from the OSCE area to destinations outside the OSCE area

— Small arms and light weapons trafficking by air inside the OSCE area |
| 11–11.15 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.15 a.m.–12 noon | Working session 1: Painting the full picture, through regional case-studies and illustrating the security risks, including terrorism (continued)

— Obstacles encountered in the current regulatory framework

— Discussion

— Moderator's closing remarks |
| 12 noon–1 p.m. | Working session 2: Response by the participating States, private actors, and regional and international organizations to illicit trafficking: national and international regulatory framework

— Introduction by session moderator |

- Views from the participating States on their national regulatory framework
 - Discussion
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–4.30 p.m. Working session 2: Response by the participating States, private actors, and regional and international organizations to illicit trafficking: national and international regulatory framework (continued)
- Rules and regulations in civil aviation for the transport of small arms and light weapons by air
 - Customs procedures applied to the transport of small arms and light weapons by air
 - Private air cargo sector: contribution to and implementation of the national and international regulatory framework
 - Discussion
 - Moderator’s closing remarks.
- 4.30–4.40 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.40–5.30 p.m. Closing session: Conclusions and possible options for a way forward
- Chairperson of the FSC: Mr. S. Attas (Cyprus)
- Discussion
 - Considerations for follow-up:
 - Towards the elaboration of a best practice guide
 - Mechanism to exchange information between participating States
 - Closing remarks

II. Background

Excerpt from FSC Decision No. 7/06:

“Convinced that improved controls over the air cargo sector, through enhanced implementation by the OSCE participating States of the relevant international regulations issued by competent international organizations, as well as of the international commitments

regarding the control over transfers of SALW, would help combat and prevent the illicit spread of SALW through air transportation channels...”

This special meeting will include consideration of the following main ideas:

- “Development of a mechanism to exchange information on participating States’ national legislation and regulations on import and export controls relating to the air transport sector, as well as the implementation of international regulations and commitments which are relevant to combating the illicit trafficking of SALW by air, especially in violation of the United Nations Security Council arms embargoes, with a view to identifying possible gaps as well as best practices;
- Engagement in a dialogue with private business actors in the air transport sector and competent international organizations, with a view to raising their awareness of illicit trafficking of SALW and to encourage co-operation between the state and the private sector;
- Development of a best practice guide on combating the illicit trafficking of SALW by air in all its aspects.”

III. Organizational modalities

Organization

The special FSC meeting on combating the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons by air will take place on 21 March 2007 in Vienna.

Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at this meeting.

The FSC Chairmanship (Cyprus) will chair the opening and closing plenary sessions.

Each working session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The rapporteurs will assist in the preparation and provide written summaries of the working sessions, to form part of the Chairperson’s report.

Simultaneous interpretation between all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions.

The FSC Chairperson will provide a report on the special FSC meeting not later than 25 April 2007, including a survey of suggestions and recommendations made during this meeting.

Participation

Participating States are encouraged to ensure the participation of experts, including those from capitals, at the workshop with a particular emphasis on experts on civil aviation, customs or air transportation.

In addition, certain international bodies as well as representatives of the air transportation sector and relevant experts will be invited to actively participate in this special meeting. The OSCE Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend.

General guidelines for participants

This special FSC meeting will be conducted in four sessions.

The working sessions will concentrate on the information presented by the speakers. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion of any number of relevant subtopics that delegates may wish to raise. The aim is to raise awareness, provide information and encourage interaction.

Prior circulation of briefings, overviews, or statements is encouraged.

To promote interactive discussion, delegations are requested to provide formal statements in writing only. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes.

Guidelines for keynote speakers and panellists

The contributions of speakers should provide information and should set the scene for the discussion in the sessions as well as for a focused exchange of viewpoints and information.

The maximum available speaking time is 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

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

Panellists will be asked to react to the information provided by the speaker with five-minute interventions and to contribute to the further substance of the meeting as it evolves and as time permits.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus dialogue among the participants. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subjects of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion. The moderators can provide input to the Chair for the FSC Chairperson's report.

The rapporteurs' reports should address issues raised during the respective session and rapporteurs should provide written summaries following the special FSC meeting.

Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions

Keynote speakers should submit their written contributions to the co-ordinators no later than 14 March 2007.

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Participating States and other participants of the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions they may wish to present no later than 14 March 2007.