



**Statement by  
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Corfu Co-ordinator on the OSCE role in early warning, conflict prevention and resolution  
and post conflict rehabilitation  
at the joint FSC-PC meeting on conflict prevention  
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First of all, I would like to thank the Chairs of the Forum for Security Cooperation and the Permanent Council for dedicating this joint meeting of the FSC and PC to the issue of conflict prevention and crises management. I would also like to thank Ambassador Salber for his comprehensive presentation containing a number of pragmatic ideas.

Today's discussions has proved to be a useful follow up to our informal deliberations within the Corfu framework on the 23 of February and provided us with some valuable food-for thought.

Delegations have already put forward a number of concrete and quite substantial proposals on conflict prevention and crises management and we have also heard initial reactions to them. Hypothetically one might be of the view that with these steps we have already fulfilled the tasking by the Athens Ministerial Council on this specific tick. That is certainly not the case. As the initial discussions have shown this issue is highly complex and sensitive with a number of complimentary, overlapping and sometimes contradicting proposals.

We need to make the best use of the time available until the interim report is due in June and take the initial exchange of views further by having an in depth discussion on the basis of the different ideas presented. There is also a need to look beyond the interim report and keep our overall objective in mind. At the same time, we should avoid trying to advance too hastily, because that could result in loosing valuable elements of the various proposals.

Therefore, to take the process forward, in my capacity as Corfu co-ordinator for the topic of conflict prevention and crises management, and in close co-ordination with the Kazakh chairmanship, I intend to convene regular informal expert level meetings open to all participating States. These discussions should be guided by the following principles:

At this stage of the Corfu process it is too early to start negotiations on different proposals, let alone drafting. The tasking by the Ministerial decision is clear the interim report should be “summarizing proposals put forward by participating States”.

We should therefore have a comprehensive approach to major areas and should analyze the different ideas in a way that enable us to look at interlinked issues together. The proposals presented by participating States contain a number of new elements that merit and require closer attention. Our discussions should allow for a more detailed elaboration of these proposals and facilitate a closer examination of them, in order to have a better grasp of the issues involved.

It is equally important to give these initiatives a “reality check” to find out whether they would indeed serve their intended purpose. Input from Chairmanships, the Secretariat and all participating States would be particularly useful in this context.

I am confident that such informal discussions will lead to a better understanding of the issues involved and will pave the way for the next phase in the Corfu process following the interim report and will facilitate our further deliberations.