

**969th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1/21  
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE TENTH  
ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY  
ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling FSC Decision No. 12/11 on an annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Recalling the importance of the Code of Conduct and taking into account the provision of paragraph 38 of the Code of Conduct stating that appropriate bodies, mechanisms and procedures will be used to assess, review and improve if necessary the implementation of the Code of Conduct,

Taking into account the deliberations of the Annual Discussions on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct held since 2012,

Decides to organize the tenth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct, which is to take place (with the possibility of being held remotely via video conference) on 16 June 2021, in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annex to this decision.

## **ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

### **I. Agenda and indicative timetable**

**Wednesday, 16 June 2021**

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| 10–10.30 a.m.     | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Opening and introduction by the FSC Chairperson</li><li>– Remarks by the representative of the OSCE Secretariat</li><li>– General statements</li></ul>   |
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Working session 1: Sharing of views on the implementation of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Introduction by session moderator</li><li>– Keynote speakers</li><li>– Discussion</li><li>– Moderator’s closing remarks</li></ul>                                       |
| 3–5 p.m.          | Working session 2: Evaluation discussion on the implementation and effectiveness of the Code of Conduct including the 2021 annual exchange of information pursuant to the Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Introduction by session moderator</li><li>– Keynote speaker</li><li>– Discussion</li><li>– Moderator’s closing remarks</li></ul> |
| 5–5.15 p.m.       | Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Discussion</li><li>– Concluding remarks</li><li>– Closure</li></ul>  |

## **II. Organizational modalities**

### **Background**

In FSC Decision No. 12/11 it was decided, *inter alia*, to “regularize a focused discussion on implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security by devoting an annual special one-day meeting to the Code of Conduct” and to “invite, as appropriate, representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes to a morning session of this meeting to share views on implementation, while the following evaluation discussion of the afternoon session of the meeting is to be restricted to participating States.”

The tenth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will therefore provide opportunities to discuss how to promote and improve the implementation of the Code of Conduct, including its annual information exchange, and to undertake an evaluation discussion and examine the application of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation.

### **Organization**

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will take place (with the possibility of being held remotely via video conference) on 16 June 2021.

The OSCE Rules of Procedure and standard working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct. For remote meetings, participants are strongly encouraged to read the procedural and technical guidelines for remote meetings (SEC.GAL/45/20) and the addendum on naming conventions (SEC.GAL/45/20/Add.1/Rev.1).

A representative of the FSC Chairmanship (Armenia) will chair the opening and closing sessions. Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur.

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

The FSC Chair will provide a report on the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct within one month, including a survey of suggestions and recommendations made during the meeting.

### **Participation**

The participating States are encouraged to ensure that they are represented at policy and expert level at the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

The OSCE Secretariat, the ODIHR, field operations, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Only the morning session will be open for the invited representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes.

### **General guidelines for participants**

In accordance with FSC Decision No. 12/11, a report on the implementation of the Code of Conduct prepared by the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat will be made available to participating States not later than 9 June 2021.

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will be conducted in two working sessions.

These sessions will concentrate on major topics, which will be introduced by keynote speakers. The introductions shall be followed by discussions of any number of relevant subtopics that delegates may wish to raise. The aim is an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

For remote meetings, all written statements have to be submitted one day prior to the virtual meeting date to facilitate their interpretation under remote conditions. Speakers are requested to speak slowly. Delegations may also take the floor just to announce the circulation of their statements via Documents Distribution when there are time constraints or when they are experiencing technical difficulties.

Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion, by 9 June 2021. In order to ensure the most productive discussion when the participating States are considering suggestions made during the meeting, the recommended approach is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.

### **Guidelines for keynote speakers**

The introductions given by the keynote speakers should set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities. The keynote speakers' contributions should set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions. The available speaking time is approximately 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

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

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

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the opening and working session, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' reports should deal with issues raised during the respective sessions; they should cover lessons learned, best practices, challenges, improvements, and suggestions made at the session, and any other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.