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**WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF TECHNICAL,
MANAGERIAL AND FINANCIAL ISSUES ON EXISTING
AND PLANNED OSCE PROJECTS ON SMALL ARMS
AND LIGHT WEAPONS, AND STOCKPILES OF
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation,

Reaffirming the commitments agreed to by the participating States contained in the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00) and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03),

Recalling Section VI, paragraph 2, of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, in which participating States agreed to regularly review the implementation of measures set forth in the Document,

Recalling paragraph 33 of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, which charges the OSCE with a clearinghouse function, including that of bringing together and ensuring liaison and exchanging information with requesting States, potential assisting/donor States and other (international) actors in this field,

Bearing in mind the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition and FSC Decision No. 15/02, which referred to the need to identify lessons learned and possible follow-up action after assistance has been provided to the requesting participating State,

Noting the progress achieved by the OSCE in the area of providing assistance to participating States on stockpile destruction and stockpile management and the security of small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition,

Referring to FSC.DEL/524/07, a concept paper that provides food for thought on the current situation with regard to assistance projects, and sets forth the purpose, structure and modalities of a workshop,

* Incorporates a correction to the text.

Decides:

- To organize a workshop in Vienna on 5 and 6 February 2008 in line with the indicative agenda and modalities attached to this decision and within existing budgetary resources;
- To request the Conflict Prevention Centre, in close co-ordination with the Chairperson of the FSC to identify speakers and to prepare an annotated agenda by 15 January 2008.

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Vienna, 5 and 6 February 2008

I. Indicative agenda

Tuesday, 5 February 2008

- 9.30–10 a.m. Registration
- 10–10.30 a.m. Opening session
- Welcome and introductory remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC
 - Opening remarks by the Chairman-in-Office
 - Opening remarks by the Director of the CPC
- 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session I: General aspects of project implementation (with coffee break)
- Update on overall picture as regards requests for assistance and project implementation. Prioritization and common technical criteria/standards for project development. Network of focal points for projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA). Co-operation with UNDP and co-ordination of efforts with the European Union and the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session II: Management, co-ordination and co-operation in project implementation (with coffee break)
- Lessons learned during the implementation of projects on SALW and SCA, including co-operation within the OSCE structures. Assessment and project development strategies. Project management, oversight and technical expertise available in the field. General legal framework and

managerial aspects of project implementation, including co-operation with UNDP and other international actors.

Wednesday, 6 February 2008

- 10 a.m.–12 noon Working session III: General and technical aspects of projects on conventional ammunition (with coffee break)
- Taking into account the OSCE Best Practice Guides on Conventional Ammunition, the Workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss experience gained by participating States relating to technical aspects of securing and/or disposing of surplus ammunition. Best practices for ammunition disposal (open burning/open detonation and demilitarization solutions), and their pros and cons in view of urgency, safety, environmental aspects and efficiency. Recent experience in the disposal of TNT and RDX ammunition, both in industrial settings and on-site. Best practices for stockpile security and management, and their pros and cons in view of the need for efficiency and environmental risks.
- 12 noon–5.30 p.m. Working session IV: Resource mobilization and project development (with lunch and coffee break)
- Fund-raising mechanisms and challenges, including co-operation with other intergovernmental organizations. National contribution by recipients to projects. Establishment of an OSCE trust fund for projects on SALW and SCA. Development and implementation of pilot projects. Common requirements and format for reporting to donors.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 5.30–6 p.m. Closing session

II. Modalities

1. The purpose of the FSC Workshop on the Implications of Technical, Managerial and Financial Issues on Existing and Planned OSCE Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons, and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition is to assess the current situation and discuss enhancements in the following areas:

- General issues;
- Management, co-ordination and co-operation;
- Technical aspects;

— Political framework/resource mobilization/project development.

2. The Workshop will be oriented towards concrete problems and solutions, based on a pragmatic, constructive and goal-oriented exchange of information and debate among experts. Participating States are strongly encouraged to provide national specialists to participate in the sessions. In particular, technical experts, including representatives of rocket and artillery and ammunition disposal services of the armed forces, and focal points from national government agencies dealing with allocation of funds to projects on SALW and SCA are encouraged to participate. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided from and into the official OSCE languages.

3. The workshop will be chaired by the Chairperson of the FSC. Each working session will have a moderator nominated by delegations and a rapporteur. The moderators will facilitate the discussion, while the task of the rapporteurs will be to contribute to the written report on the workshop by the Chairperson of the FSC.

4. The following organizations/structures/agencies will also be invited to participate in the event:

- The Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities;
- OSCE field operations currently or potentially involved in implementing projects on SALW and SCA;
- International development agencies supporting demilitarization activities;
- Other international organizations/structures implementing projects on SALW and conventional ammunition (UNDP, NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency, EU/European Commission, South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearing House for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons).

In addition, companies currently involved in OSCE assistance project activities could be invited to attend working session III of the Workshop.

The OSCE Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are also invited to attend.

5. To facilitate the discussion, up to three presentations will be scheduled for each working session. In order to allow maximum time for a flexible and interactive debate, all speakers are requested to limit their presentations to not more than 15 minutes. Also, speakers are requested to submit written contributions in advance, preferably in English, not later than 25 January 2008, for circulation to participating States.

6. Working session I will:

- Discuss necessary prioritizations and common technical criteria/standards for improving the development and justification process in respect of assistance projects;
- Consider establishing a network of focal points in the capitals for exchanging information related to assistance projects, including fund-raising;
- Review the current status and examine possibilities for furthering technical co-operation or co-ordination of efforts with the European Union, NATO and UNDP.

7. Working session II will:

- Discuss the possibility of simplifying the mechanism for assessment visits, including tasking the CPC and/or the relevant field operation with conducting initial technical assessments;
- Discuss organizational/management aspects in the OSCE (relationship between the CiO, the FSC Chairperson, the FSC co-ordinators on SALW and SCA and the OSCE Secretariat);
- Provide an update on technical and managerial capacities existing within the OSCE, including the capabilities of the field operations and the Secretariat;
- Present the legal framework for project implementation;
- Share lessons learnt from joint project activities with UNDP and possibilities of co-operation with other international organizations.

8. Working session III will:

- Share experience gained by participating States and international institutions on the technical and financial aspects of the issue;
- Discuss best practices gained by the OSCE in the disposal of conventional ammunition (open burning/open detonation and demilitarization solutions), and their pros and cons in view of urgency, safety, environmental aspects and the need for efficiency;
- Discuss best practices gained by the OSCE in stockpile security and management, and their pros and cons in view of the need for efficiency and environmental risks.

9. Working session IV will:

- Discuss the political framework under which OSCE projects and SALW and SCA are implemented;

- Give potential donor States an opportunity to present their viewpoints and criteria for assistance;
- Cover project development and implementation in the light of the requirements of donors' budgetary processes;
- Present fund-raising strategies in the OSCE: how to attract participating States;
- Discuss the expectations of donors relating to the format and share of costs to be covered by requesting States through national contribution;
- Examine pros and cons of developing small-scale/pilot projects to facilitate fund-raising efforts;
- Discuss harmonization of requirements/models for reporting to donors on project implementation;
- Consider establishing an OSCE trust fund for projects on SALW and SCA.

10. The Chairperson of the FSC is requested to present, by 26 February 2008, a written report on the Workshop, including recommendations. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will compile a separate survey of suggestions made during the sessions and will distribute this survey to participating States by 26 February 2008.

11. The CPC will prepare a compilation of all the documents distributed during the Workshop by 3 April 2008, including written submissions prepared by speakers and delegations in advance. Delegations are encouraged to use this compilation as reference material for discussions following the Workshop.

12. The delegations of participating States are requested to provide the names of their experts from capitals and their contact details by 1 February 2008. The Conference Services will compile this information and distribute a list of participants on 5 February 2008.