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**DECISION No. 1405**  
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF**  
**THE 2021 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE**

(20 and 21 September 2021, via Zoom)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling PC.DD/9/21 of 31 May 2021 on the dates and venue of the 2021 OSCE Asian Conference, to be held via Zoom on 20 and 21 September 2021,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group,

Welcoming the offer by Thailand to host the 2021 OSCE Asian Conference,

Decides to hold the 2021 OSCE Asian Conference on the subject “Common responses to emerging challenges in advancing comprehensive security”;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference as set out in the annex.

**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES  
OF THE 2021 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE ON COMMON  
RESPONSES TO EMERGING CHALLENGES IN  
ADVANCING COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY**

20 and 21 September 2021, via Zoom

**Co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand,  
the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania, and the  
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)**

**I. Agenda**

**Monday, 20 September 2021**

9.30–10.30 a.m.

Opening remarks

Addresses by:

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
- Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania
- Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship (Sweden)
- Representative of the incoming OSCE Chairmanship (Poland)
- Secretary General of the OSCE
- Representatives of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation
- Secretary General of ASEAN

10.30 a.m.–12 noon

Session 1: Strengthening the fight against transnational organized crime: adapting to the evolving situation

This session will focus on:

- Addressing new challenges arising from the spread of COVID-19 to combating transnational organized crime
- Building resilient communities through co-operation between stakeholders to develop comprehensive preventive measures and responses to transnational organized crime
- Building confidence and security through promoting interregional exchange on best practices related to

countering transnational organized crime in the midst of a global pandemic

- Promoting the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in the efforts to counter transnational organized crime

Discussion

12 noon–2 p.m.

Lunch break

2–3.30 p.m.

Session 2: The OSCE and sustainable development: Enhancing economic and environmental co-operation to promote security and stability

This session will focus on:

- Strengthening co-operation to reverse environmental degradation and the unsustainable use of natural resources
- Raising awareness and fostering co-operation to address climate change and its impact on the economy and the environment
- Enhancing partnerships on technology and innovation to promote economic and environmental co-operation

Discussion

## **Tuesday, 21 September 2021**

9.30–11 a.m.

Session 3: Human rights and public health: Sharing experiences and lessons learned between Europe and Asia

This session will focus on:

- Promoting co-operation and dialogue in ensuring the promotion of human rights and the protection of public health
- Protection of human rights of migrants during the COVID-19 pandemic
- The role of women in the public health sector during the pandemic

Discussion

11 a.m.–12 noon

Closing remarks

12 noon

End of the Conference

## **II. Participation**

The OSCE participating States are invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE executive structures and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC), Central European Initiative (CEI), Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Council of Europe (CoE), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), United Nations (UN), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Women, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Representatives of the members of the ARF may attend as guests of the host country. Other countries and organizations may also be invited by the host country.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

## **III. Timetable and other organizational modalities**

The Conference will begin at 9.30 a.m. (opening remarks) on 20 September 2021 and end at 12 noon on 21 September 2021.

Each session will have a moderator and rapporteur. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council.

The Rules of Procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening remarks and closing session will be open to the media. The Conference will be held via Zoom. The working language will be English.