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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (2006 ASRC)

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides to organize the 2006 Annual Security Review Conference (2006 ASRC) in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2006 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (2006 ASRC)

Vienna, 27 and 28 June 2006

Programme

Tuesday, 27 June 2006

10 a.m.–1 p.m.   Opening session

3–5.45 p.m.   Working Session I: Role of policing in achieving and maintaining
                      security and stability

Wednesday, 28 June 2006

10 a.m.–1 p.m.   Working Session II: Challenges in the security environment:
                      Politico-military contributions, with emphasis on the proceedings and
                      findings of the Military Doctrine Seminar

3–5.45 p.m.   Working Session III: A coherent approach towards the activities in
                      relation to early warning, conflict prevention/resolution, crisis
                      management and post-conflict rehabilitation

5.45–6 p.m.   Closing session

Agenda

Opening session (27 June 2006, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.):

The session will provide the opportunity for the participating States and other participants of the Conference to share their concerns on security-related issues and address the OSCE contributions in early warning, conflict prevention/resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, including confidence- and security-building measures and other security-related issues. *Inter alia*, these might include the review of the security environment in the OSCE area, the review of the effectiveness of existing tools, and the possible need to develop additional measures, to be taken by the participating States and the Organization, internally and with other international organizations.

Working Session I: Role of policing in achieving and maintaining security and stability (27 June 2006, 3–5.45 p.m.):

The session will reflect on the relevance and the role of policing and law enforcement in ensuring and maintaining stability and security. This session can also reflect on the role of law enforcement in organized crime, terrorism, and trafficking in drugs, as well as in border security and management. We will review the OSCE commitments, decisions and activities on police-related matters in the OSCE (Secretariat and missions), *inter alia,* on the reform of policing and on enhancing the effectiveness of policing.

The session offers opportunities to exchange opinions on possible ways forward on the role of the OSCE in policing and law enforcement.

Working Session II: Challenges in the security environment: Politico-military contributions, with emphasis on the proceedings and findings of the Military Doctrine Seminar (28 June 2006, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.):

This session will review the implementation of politico-military OSCE agreements, and how they contribute to the challenges of early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, and post-conflict rehabilitation. This session will, in particular, reflect on the findings of the high-level OSCE Military Doctrine Seminar of February 2006. This session can contribute to identifying common ground for themes that can be further reviewed within the OSCE, and in particular by the Forum for Security Co-operation.

Working Session III: A coherent approach towards early warning, conflict prevention/resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation (28 June 2006, 3–5.45 p.m.):

This session will offer the opportunity to engage in a dialogue and exchange experiences gained at a national level and at the international level regarding ways to improve the coherence of the policies in early warning, conflict prevention/resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation. This will entail reflection on how the 3 D's, defence, diplomacy and development, work towards greater coherence regarding the engagement with partner countries, in mutual co-operation.

The session will also reflect on conflicts in the OSCE region and politico-military aspects thereof.

Closing session (28 June 2006, 5.45–6 p.m.):

The Chair will present a first perception on the outcome of the Conference, based on the contributions of the rapporteurs.

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Background

The Porto Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, by adopting Decision No. 3, dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing security work undertaken by the OSCE and participating States, to provide an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

A representative of the Chairman-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each of the working sessions will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The rapporteur(s) will serve as a co-ordinator to prepare the session.

The FSC contribution to the ASRC includes the chairing of the second session by a member of the FSC troika or the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre.

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

Interpretation into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions.

The Chairman-in-Office will distribute before the summer recess a comprehensive report on the Conference.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate.

Participation

Participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC). The Parliamentary Assembly, the Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

Other international organizations to be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 690 of 20 October 2005.

Consideration is to be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, "think tanks" of international standing, and NGOs to send keynote speakers or to be represented as members of national delegations.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in five sessions. The opening session is intended to provide an opportunity for formal statements to be delivered and to set the stage for the substantive, focused and interactive discussion in the working sessions. The opening session will include the welcoming remarks by the Chairman-in-Office or his representative and the report by the FSC Chairperson.

The working sessions will concentrate on one topic, introduced by one or two keynote speakers, whose addresses may be followed by a discussion of any number of relevant sub-topics that delegates may wish to raise.

The aim is to have an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

Each of the sessions mentioned in the agenda has been assigned a number of the above-mentioned sub-topics for illustrative purposes. The FSC will circulate a list of suggested topics for each session. These lists are not exhaustive. To reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that the interfaces of security will be addressed in each of the sessions, and also the question of co-operation with other international organizations.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements in the opening session and interventions in the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of 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, and concentrate on the highlights of their contribution in the presentation. They should dedicate part of their speech and/or written contribution to the enhancement of the security dialogue on work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States.

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

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking to and 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' written report should address issues raised during the respective session, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines for participation of other international organizations

Other international organizations may participate in all sessions. They are invited to concentrate their contributions on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE.

Guidelines on timing of submitting and distributing written contributions and factual information

By 1 June 2006, keynote speakers should submit a written contribution. International organizations are invited to submit factual information on their organization that would be useful for the participants of the ASRC in writing. It should not be brought to the attention of participants during the Conference.

By 6 June 2006, the participants of the Conference should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC in response to information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference to be sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 20 June, participating States and other participants of the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speeches.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to the CPC who will then distribute them. The information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.