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**DECISION No. 555
DATES AND THEME OF THE
FIRST OSCE MEETING OF POLICE EXPERTS**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with Decision No. 9, paragraph 4, of the Bucharest Ministerial Council meeting of 4 December 2001, which requires that “the OSCE will:

- convene as appropriate and preferably annually meetings of police experts from OSCE participating States, and representatives of other relevant specialized international and regional organizations”,

Decides that:

- The first OSCE meeting of police experts will take place in Vienna on 18 and 19 September 2003;
- The subject and focus of the meeting will be improving the effectiveness of law enforcement in preventing and combating trafficking in persons, especially in women and children;
- The meeting will be organized in accordance with the agenda and modalities contained in Annexes 1 and 2.

OSCE MEETING OF POLICE EXPERTS

**IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN
PREVENTING AND COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS,
ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

18 and 19 September 2003
Hofburg, Vienna

Agenda

Thursday, 18 September 2003

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| 9.30 - 10 a.m. | Opening session:
Opening by the OSCE Chairmanship
Keynote addresses
Technical information by the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU) |
| 10 - 10.50 a.m. | Session 1: Current situation and responses to trafficking in persons, especially women and children |
| 10.50 - 11.15 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Session 2: Source, transit and destination countries: A discussion addressing law enforcement problems, operations and best practices |
| 1 - 2.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. | Session 2: Source, transit and destination countries: A discussion addressing law enforcement problems, operations and best practices (continued) |
| 3.30 - 4 p.m. | Coffee break |
| 4 - 5 p.m. | Session 3: International and regional law enforcement - What is being done? What should be done? What alternative strategies may be used? |
| 5 p.m. | Close |

Friday, 19 September 2003

- 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. Session 4: Developing an effective partnership between law enforcement, NGOs and international organizations
- 10.30 - 11 a.m. Coffee break
- 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Session 5: Creating victim and witness protection programmes
- 12.30 - 2 p.m. Lunch break
- 2 - 3.30 p.m. Session 6: Strategy development, tactics, information exchange and capacity-building
- 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. Closing plenary: Recapitulation and conclusions
Moderator: R. Monk, Senior Police Adviser
Comments from the floor
Close

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Organizational Modalities

1. Aim of the meeting

In accordance with the Bucharest decision, the meeting will serve to increase and promote the exchange of information about police investigation methods and the measures necessary to counter the challenge of the trafficking of women and children.

The subject proposed will be examined over two days. In addition to providing an opportunity for practitioners to exchange information with their counterparts and with international criminal police organizations and those specialized international and regional organizations with an operational anti-trafficking role, the meeting offers a practical focus that will contribute to an improved understanding of the subject.

The meeting will also draw upon the recommendations and points arising from the internal, OSCE police officers/officials law enforcement meeting, which was organized on 9 and 10 October 2002 (SEC.GAL/0196/02/Rev.1).

A detailed report on the meeting will be presented to the Permanent Council by the Senior Police Adviser.

2. Languages

Interpretation will be provided in the six working languages of the OSCE.

3. Participation

Police experts from OSCE participating States and other relevant experts including representatives of the following specialized international and regional organizations: the United Nations, Council of Europe, Interpol, Europol, the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, International Organization for Migration, SECI Regional Center for Combating Trans-Border Crime and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) will participate in the meeting.

Police experts from the Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend and to contribute with respect to their co-operation and links with the OSCE.

The intention is to develop a free-flowing practitioner-based discussion on how law enforcement may become more effective in preventing and combating trafficking in persons, especially women and children. To this end, formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are not envisaged. Prepared statements or other written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation by the OSCE Documents Distribution Centre but unfortunately cannot be translated into all OSCE languages.

4. Organization

Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be applied during the meeting.

Advance registration will be available on Wednesday, 17 September 2003, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the ground floor reception of the OSCE Secretariat, Kärntner Ring 5-7.

Registration during the meeting is available from 8.30 a.m. on Thursday, 18 September 2003 in the reception of Hofburg Palace - Heldenplatz entrance.