
Chairmanship: Malta**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1474th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Friday, 17 May 2024 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 12 noon
Closed: 12.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador N. Meli Daudey

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: **DECISION ON THE DATES, AGENDA AND
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2024
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)**

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1481 (PC.DEC/1481) on the dates, agenda and organizational modalities of the 2024 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson, Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Andorra, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), United States of America (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Türkiye and the United Kingdom): (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Ukraine, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: **REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES**

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 May 2024, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

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**DECISION No. 1481
DATES, AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
2024 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the Annual Security Review Conference,

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

Decides:

1. That the 2024 Annual Security Review Conference will take place in Vienna on 26 and 27 June 2024.
2. To organize the 2024 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2024 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 26 and 27 June 2024

Agenda

Wednesday, 26 June 2024

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| 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Opening session |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 3–6 p.m. | Special session: Security situation in the OSCE area |

Thursday, 27 June 2024

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| 9–10.30 a.m. | Welcome coffee |
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Special session (continued): Security situation in the OSCE area |
| 1–1.30 p.m. | Closing session |

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 26 and 27 June 2024

Background

The Tenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, at Porto, by adopting its 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 the security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, as well as an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

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

The special session will have a moderator and a rapporteur.

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will contribute to the Conference in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences.

The ASRC will be subject to the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE. The guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.

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

Following the Conference, the Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report of the Conference's proceedings.

The Communication and Media Relations Section (COMMS) will inform the press, as appropriate, and will work in close co-ordination with the Chairmanship.

Participation

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

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the CPC. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are also invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

Consideration will be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing and NGOs to be represented as members of national delegations.

The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guests to address the Conference.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in three sessions. The opening session will include welcoming remarks by the Chairmanship-in-Office and is intended to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions during the special session, which will focus on a specific subject.

The aim is interactive and free-flowing discussion.

To encourage interactive discussion, interventions by delegations at the special session should be as concise as possible, not exceeding five minutes in length. The moderator will be asked to enforce the time limit strictly. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility of free-flowing discussion.

In accordance with the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference sent out by the OSCE Secretariat, participants should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC by 17 June 2024.

Participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions by 17 June 2024.

Written contributions should be submitted to Conference Services, which will then distribute them. Inputs to be circulated may also include, if appropriate, contributions by OSCE institutions and other international organizations.

Guidelines for moderator and rapporteur

The moderator of the special session should facilitate and foster the debate among delegations. The moderator should facilitate the discussion by introducing items strictly related to the subject of the session.

Following the Conference, the written report provided by rapporteur should address issues raised during the special session, covering suggestions elaborated and other relevant information. Personal views will not be accepted as part of the report.

The moderator and rapporteur should identify and summarize specific recommendations advanced during the special session.

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International and regional organizations may participate in the special session. They are kindly invited to focus on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the special session.

International and regional organizations should provide the participants of the ASRC with factual and relevant information on their work by sending such information to Conference Services by 17 June 2024.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

The delegation of Belgium, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In connection with the adoption of this decision on the dates, agenda, and organizational modalities for the 2024 Annual Security Review Conference, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The EU places great value on the politico-military dimension as an integral part of the OSCE’s comprehensive approach to security. We support the Chairmanship in its efforts to adopt the needed decisions for the consensus-based events and welcome that consensus was reached today on the ASRC decision.

We regret that some participating States previously systematically have blocked Permanent Council decisions on mandated events throughout all OSCE dimensions. A selective approach is not acceptable. Mandated events should be the rule not the exception. We remind all participating States of the obligation that all mandated events have to take place. Therefore, the related decisions must be adopted in a timely manner. All participating States have the obligation to work constructively towards reaching consensus.

We request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

The candidate countries North Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹, Albania¹, the Republic of Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina¹, and Georgia, the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Andorra align themselves with this statement.”

1 North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the United States of America (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Türkiye and the United Kingdom):

“Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

In connection with the adoption of this decision on the dates, agenda, and organizational modalities of the 2024 Annual Security Review Conference, on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, and my own country, the United States, I would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

We thank Malta for its efforts to reach consensus on the dates, agenda, and organizational modalities for holding the 2024 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC). All participating States have joined in adopting this decision, just as they agreed in the 2002 Porto decision to hold the ASRC as a regular check on the implementation of their commitments.

Consensus on the practicalities for holding of the Organization’s mandated annual meetings should be the norm, not the exception. We have already reached consensus on the dates, agenda, and organizational modalities for holding this year’s Economic and Environmental Forum and should look forward to swiftly reaching consensus on such draft decisions for all other upcoming mandated meetings, including the 2024 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

These meetings are important to identify gaps in the implementation of our commitments across all three dimensions and take action where necessary. A selective approach to moving forward on holding some mandated meetings but not others is incompatible with the OSCE’s comprehensive and co-operative approach to security, which addresses each dimension as a fundamental part of an integral whole. We look forward to the passage of the necessary practical decisions for holding them.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.”