
Chairmanship: Tajikistan**920th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**1. Date: Wednesday, 10 July 2019Opened: 10 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4 p.m.2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Kalandar3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE ON THE SYNERGIES AMONG
THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CENTRAL ASIA
AND THE OSCE: THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION
ORGANISATION (SCO) AND THE EUROPEAN UNION
(EU)

- *Presentation by H.E. Mr. V. Norov, Secretary-General, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation*
- *Presentation by H.E. Mr. P. Burian, Special Representative of the European Union for Central Asia, European External Action Service*
- *Presentation by H.E. Mr. T. Greminger, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe*

Chairperson, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (FSC.DEL/153/19 OSCE+), OSCE Secretary General (SEC.GAL/129/19 OSCE+), EU Special Representative for Central Asia (FSC.DEL/152/19 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Switzerland (FSC.DEL/155/19 OSCE+), Slovakia, United States of America, Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/151/19 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine, Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/154/19), Canada, Russian Federation, Bosnia and Herzegovina (FSC.DEL/150/19 OSCE+), United States of America, Serbia

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Completion of the 2019 OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security training programme for young professionals, in particular women:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre (Annex), Switzerland
- (b) *Briefing on the 84th meeting of the OSCE Communications Group, held in Vienna on 26 June 2019:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Politico-military retreat, to be hosted by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Bratislava on 30 September and 1 October 2019:* Slovakia

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 17 July 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
CONFLICT PREVENTION CENTRE**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to inform you about the successful completion of the 2019 edition of the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security training programme for young professionals, in particular women.

The training programme is a joint endeavour of the OSCE and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), and has now been conducted in two successive years. This initiative is an excellent example of partnership, in which the OSCE and UNODA are together helping to build up a network of young professionals in the fields of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation. The programme reinforces the commitment of both organizations to the women, peace and security agenda.

Over a thousand applicants from 52 OSCE participating States and 10 Partners for Co-operation applied to take part in the 2019 training programme. After a comprehensive selection process, 100 participants were chosen, including 50 for the in-person training course in Vienna. The participants came from different fields and professional backgrounds. All 100 participants were awarded individual scholarships to facilitate their participation in the programme.

The programme began with three weeks of online training for all 100 participants, followed by a one-week in-person course for the smaller group of 50 participants, which took place in Vienna from 6 to 10 May 2019. This was followed by five more weeks of online training for all 100 participants. The programme was concluded in June 2019.

The training programme helped to deepen the participants' understanding of the key conceptual and analytical issues in conflict prevention and confidence- and security-building, and also of non-proliferation issues, all of which were addressed with a specific focus on the OSCE's activities in these fields. It was also designed, in particular, to promote women's involvement in policy-making, planning and implementation processes in the areas of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation. An overriding aim of the programme was to foster the creation of a network of young professionals, thereby helping to bridge the gap between education and training, on the one hand, and career opportunities, on the other.

I should mention that, in March 2019, the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security received an OSCE Gender Champion Award in the “Project” category. The initiative won this recognition for highlighting how gender equality is a key element in conflict prevention and comprehensive security.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Governments of Andorra, Germany and Switzerland for having supported this year’s training programme.

Since images speak louder than words, I should like to show you a video about the training programme that has been produced by an OSCE-UNODA team (link to the video: <https://www.osce.org/secretariat/424568>).

I encourage you to continue supporting the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security so that a training programme can be offered next year as well.

I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you.