

2014 Chairmanship OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference THE ROLE OF THE OSCE IN ADDRESSING CURRENT TERRORIST CHALLENGES

28-29 April 2014, Hotel Victoria Jungfrau, Interlaken, Switzerland

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

27 April 2014	
18:00 - 19:00	Early registration for participants¹ Lobby – Hotel Jungfrau Victoria, Interlaken
19:00 – 21:00	Meeting point - lobby of the Hotel Jungfrau Victoria, Interlaken (18:55) ² Informal dinner: Restaurant City Hotel Oberland, Interlaken
28 April 2014	
08:30 - 09:30	Registration of Participants
09:30 - 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Session - open to the media</p> Welcoming address: H. E. Didier Burkhalter, Chairperson-in-Office President of the Swiss Confederation
	Opening remarks: Mr. Alexey Lyzhenkov, Director, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat Ms. Snjezana Bokulic, Representative of the Director, Head of the Human Rights Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
	Introduction: Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Executive Director, UN CTED Statement from the floor³: Mr. Jehangir Khan, Director, UN CTITF

¹ A shuttle bus from the train station Interlaken West – Hotel Victoria Jungfrau will be available on the 27 April from 2 until 7pm.

² Delegates are requested to pre-reserve for the informal dinner (if not already done - Laszlo.Szucs@osce.org) and to wear their badge during dinner.

10:30 - 11:00	Coffee-break
11:00 - 13:30	<p style="text-align: center;">First Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Terrorist Financing - Addressing Kidnapping for Ransom</p> <p><i>Kidnapping for ransom has become an important source of terrorism financing. However, the positions of participating States on the no-payment policy in the field of kidnapping for ransom vary considerably in the OSCE area. State authorities are facing a dilemma when handling kidnapping cases: on the one hand they have the obligation to protect their citizens abroad and to bring kidnapping victims back home safely and unharmed; on the other hand, States have an overall obligation to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorism and therefore not to give in to ransom demands by kidnappers.</i></p> <p><u>Keynote presentations:</u></p> <p>Ms. Jennifer Anderson, Head of Counter-Terrorism Department, FCO, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ms. Fatma Ceren Yazgan, Deputy Director General for Security and Intelligence Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey</p> <p>Amb. Ralf Heckner, Head of the Crisis Management Center, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Mr. Mauro Miedico, Chief of Section, Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p> <p>Followed by discussions</p> <p>Delegations and other IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short national statements/contributions with the conference focal point.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Thomas Wuchte, Head on Anti-terrorism Issues, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat</p>
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 17:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Second Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ensuring Legality, Transparency and Accountability in Counter-Terrorism</p> <p><i>In the anti-terrorism context, respect for the principles of legality, transparency and accountability ensures that counter-terrorism policies and practices are human rights-compliant. Moreover, the lack of an adequate legal basis, the non-disclosure of relevant information and the absence of effective accountability mechanisms for counter-terrorism measures not only reduce public trust in state's efforts against terrorism, but also undermine the effectiveness of such efforts and contribute to the spread of terrorism. This session will address the principles of legality, transparency and accountability and explore the link between these principles and the effectiveness of counter-terrorism policies.</i></p>

³ Delegations are encouraged to provide written opening statements in advance electronically.

	<p><u>Keynote presentations:</u></p> <p>Mr. Eric Rosand, Senior Advisor and GCTF Coordinator, Department of State, United States of America</p> <p>Mr. Alex Conte, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva</p> <p>Mr. Abdunabi Sattorov, Head of Literature Department, Academy of Sciences, Tajikistan</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Mr. Nicola Piacente, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Italy, Chair of CODEXTER, Council of Europe</p> <p>Followed by discussions</p> <p>Delegations and other IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short national statements/contributions with the conference focal point.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Snjezana Bokulic, Head, Human Rights Department, OSCE ODIHR</p>
19:00	<p align="center">Official Dinner Hosted by the Swiss Chairmanship</p>

	<p align="center">29 April 2014</p>
09:30 - 11:00	<p align="center">Third Session</p> <p align="center">Responding to the Phenomenon of Individuals Taking Part in Violent Hostilities Within or Outside the OSCE Area (Foreign Fighters)</p> <p><i>Participating States are facing a situation where individuals under their respective jurisdiction are departing, or seeking to do so, in order to join armed groups and take part in violent confrontations. Participating States have to deal with the return of some of these individuals commonly referred to as “foreign fighters” who may pose a threat to society. They may have been indoctrinated with violent ideas and they may have been trained in the use of firearms, explosives and other skills useful in the planning and execution of terrorist attacks or other crimes. Effectively preventing the recruitment/departure and reintegrating returning individuals require specific measures. This session will explore key challenges and policy options for participating States and the OSCE in addressing this phenomenon.</i></p> <p><u>Keynote presentations:</u></p> <p>Amb. Alexander Zmeyerovskiy, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation on International Cooperation in Combating Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime</p> <p>Mr. Gilles de Kerchove, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator</p> <p>Mr. Dick Schoof, National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security, Netherlands</p>

	<p><u>Discussant:</u> Mr. Richard Barrett, Senior Vice President, The Soufan Group</p> <p>Followed by discussions</p> <p>Delegations and other IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short national statements/contributions with the conference focal point.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Pierre Saint Hilaire, Director, Counter-Terrorism, Public Safety and Maritime Security, INTERPOL</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee-break
11:30 - 12:30	Third Session - continued
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:45	<p style="text-align: center;">CONCLUSIONS</p> <p><i>The closing session will outline conclusions and recommendations from the conference sessions. The Sessions' moderators will identify initiatives, lessons learned and challenges in relation to the topics presented and discussed in the three sessions, and how the OSCE, building on its expertise and structures, can continue working in this field, complementing efforts of international/regional organizations.</i></p> <p>Moderator Session I: Mr. Thomas Wuchte, Head of Anti-terrorism Issues, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat</p> <p>Moderator Session II: Ms. Snjezana Bokulic, Head, Human Rights Department, OSCE ODIHR</p> <p>Moderator Session III: Mr. Pierre Saint Hilaire, Director, Counter-Terrorism, Public Safety and Maritime Security, INTERPOL</p>
14:45	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Amb. Stephan Husy, Swiss CT Coordinator</p>

MODALITIES

Conference goals

The conference will be organized in line with the Concept Paper CIO.GAL/16/14 which was circulated to OSCE participating States on 23 January 2014.

The conference will address new challenges of particular concern to the international community in the three identified areas with a strong emphasis on a cross-dimensional consideration and possibly conclude with a list of recommendations which will serve as a basis for further discussions. To contribute to this goal, it is foreseen to have a follow-up to this conference on its sub-section related to kidnapping for ransom and under the overall theme of a UN Chapter VIII regional arrangement.

Participants

The suggested audience for this event includes national counter-terrorism coordinators and experienced high level counter-terrorism practitioners from relevant government ministries/institutions, security and law enforcement authorities, and judicial institutions as well as local officials, as appropriate. Relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations as well as representatives of civil society will be invited and encouraged to bring their perspectives and ideas to the discussion. Please note that active discussion between participants is considered the most beneficial aspect of this conference. Participants are therefore strongly encouraged to discuss and share specific experiences, to identify needs and areas of possible improvement and to utilize panel experts as resources.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions in response to speakers and discussants should be as concise as possible and should not exceed **three to four minutes**.

Moderators

Each session will be chaired by a moderator who will introduce the keynote speakers and the discussant and will facilitate the discussions among the speakers, the discussant and participants. As such, the moderator acts as a “referee” and ensures that comments from the floor will be given enough time and credit. Moderators will also strictly enforce time limits and will ensure that speakers, discussants and participants limit their presentations and contributions to substantive issues only. Moderators are expected to serve as rapporteurs in the sense of summarizing the presentations and discussions, as well as suggesting how the OSCE, building on its expertise and structures, could continue working in this field, complementing efforts of international/regional organizations. These will be presented by moderators to the participants in the concluding session. Moderators should receive keynote

speakers' and discussants' short CV beforehand to be able to introduce them to the audience.

Keynote Speakers

Each working session will have three keynote speakers. Speakers will limit their presentations to substantive issues directly related to the subject of the session. They will make every effort to include suggestions for potential policy recommendations, and/or follow up activities for/with the OSCE, offer thoughts for further consideration, share information about good practices and suggest possible national and/or regional and international action for meeting the challenges. Each keynote presentation should be of maximum 10-15 minutes. Keynote speakers will be ready to engage in debate, including with the discussant, following their presentations. Keynote presentations should be sent to the OSCE TNTD/ATU two weeks in advance. Keynote speakers are encouraged to provide more exhaustive written remarks which can subsequently be provided to all participants. The institutional background of each speaker will be introduced by the moderator allowing the speaker to devote his presentation fully and only to the topic itself.

Discussants

The discussant's primary role will be to help the audience understand the complexity of the topic and, in particular, the significance of the keynote presentations by offering constructive critique. The discussant will introduce the session topic, in a maximum of eight minutes, and set the scene, highlighting key ideas, pose challenging questions, and identify key themes across the presentations. The discussant will raise critical issues for both the key note speakers and the audience to consider, and encourage participants to contribute with their views and experience. The discussant will propose new ideas, and offer alternative views. By reflecting on points highlighted by keynote speakers and the discussions, the discussant will provide concise closing remarks, focusing on recommendations and suggestions for concrete follow-up action.

Statements/contributions from the floor

Participants are invited to contribute to the discussions with statements/short contributions. They will not be more than 3-4 minutes. Institutional background/promotion should be avoided. They will focus on substantive issues directly related to the subject of the session. They may include suggestions for potential policy recommendations and/or follow-up action. Delegations, NGOs and international organisations are encouraged to pre-register with the organizers their intention to contribute with short statements.

Closing remarks

The initial conclusions of the conference will be circulated by the Chairmanship and presented by the Swiss CT Coordinator.