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16TH OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING, HELSINKI

4-5 DECEMBER, 2008

HELSINKI FAIR CENTRE

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER

17:00- Preparatory Committee/Permanent Council

WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER

9:00- Preparatory Committee/Permanent Council

18:00-19:00 Meeting of the OSCE Troika and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

19:00-20:00 Meeting of the OSCE Troika and the Asian Partners for Co-operation

20:00 Dinner of the OSCE Troika and the Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER

8:45- Arrival of the Delegations

9:00- Preparatory Committee/Permanent Council

10:00 First Plenary Session

Formal Opening and Addresses by:

Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

Alexander Stubb, Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs

Joao Soares, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, OSCE Secretary General

Statements by Heads of Delegations

13:00-14:50 Working luncheon for Ministers/ Heads of Delegations

Separate lunch for Members of Delegations

14:50 Family Photo

15:00-18:00 Second Plenary Session

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19:30 Reception for Members of Delegations and the Press hosted by the City of Helsinki,
Helsinki City Hall

20:00 Official dinner for Ministers/Heads of Delegations hosted by Tarja Halonen,
President of the Republic, Finlandia Hall

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

9:00- Preparatory Committee/Permanent Council

9:30 Third Plenary Session

Statements by Heads of Delegations

Formal Closure and addresses by:

Matti Vanhanen, Prime Minister of Finland

Alexander Stubb, Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs

Dora Bakoyannis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

13:30 Press Conference by the OSCE Troika