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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2010
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)**

The Permanent Council,

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

Taking into account its Decision No. 934 on the dates of the 2010 Annual Security Review Conference,

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

Decides to organize the 2010 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the programme, agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2010 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 14 to 16 June 2010

I. Programme

Monday, 14 June 2010

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening session
- 3–6 p.m. Working session I: Transnational threats and challenges

Tuesday, 15 June 2010

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session II: The role of the OSCE in early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation
- 3–6 p.m. Working session III: The role and perspectives of arms control and confidence- and security-building regimes in building trust in the evolving security environment

Wednesday, 16 June 2010

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session IV: Threats and challenges stemming from the territory of Afghanistan and the OSCE's contribution to stability in the region
- 3–5.30 p.m. Working session V: Review of OSCE police-related activities
- 5.30 p.m.–6 p.m. Closing session

II. Agenda

Opening session

(14 June 2010, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

Under the overall theme of Strengthening Indivisible Security, Recapturing Common Purpose and Building Trust and Transparency in the OSCE Area, the opening session will set the stage for the Conference by exploring the concept of indivisible security and how this relates to the security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States. The session

will allow for an exchange of views on ways to re-establish trust and confidence amongst participating States and to recapture the sense of common purpose in dealing with current and future security challenges. In particular, this session will focus on ways to further improve the wider European security environment, taking into account the work carried out by the OSCE, as well as other international and regional organizations and institutions.

Working session I: Transnational threats and challenges

(14 June 2010, 3–6 p.m.)

Working Session I will offer the opportunity for participants to discuss ways to further strengthen synergies in OSCE activities aimed at countering transnational threats to security. With reference to MC Decision No. 2/09 on further OSCE efforts to address transnational threats and challenges to security and stability, this session will explore the linkages between transnational threats such as terrorism and organized crime, including illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and trafficking in human beings, and consider the role of border security and management and anti-terrorism activities in combating these threats. Participants will also have an opportunity to consider the recommendations of the Secretary General contained in his final report pursuant to MC Decision No. 2/09. Moreover, participants are encouraged to discuss ways to comprehensively enhance cyber security in the OSCE area. The session will also allow participating States to exchange views with representatives of relevant international and regional organizations on how to enhance co-operation in countering transnational threats, taking into account the comparative advantages of the OSCE in addressing these challenges.

Working session II: The role of the OSCE in early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation

(15 June 2010, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

Building on previous discussions, including the 42nd Joint FSC-PC Meeting of 10 March, Working Session II will assess OSCE activities in early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation. In particular, it will review the OSCE activities related to crisis situations in its region, *inter alia* armed conflicts, including in August 2008. The Session will examine the implementation of relevant OSCE norms, principles and commitments, discuss the need to further improve/update the OSCE toolbox in the above-mentioned areas and to strengthen the OSCE's ability to move from early warning to early action. Participants are encouraged to discuss proposals put forward by participating States. Other topics may include examining the role for military and non-military confidence building measures in the conflict-cycle and a review of existing OSCE mechanisms and procedures.

Working session III: The role and perspectives of arms control and confidence- and security-building regimes in building trust in the evolving security environment

(15 June 2010, 3–6 p.m.)

With reference to paragraph 2 of MC Decision No. 16/09 on issues relevant to the Forum for Security Co-operation, Working Session III will focus on the current situation and perspectives in the area of conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs). Participants will have the opportunity to take stock of the work done since the Athens Ministerial Council and explore ways in which to strengthen the

Organization's politico-military toolbox. Furthermore, the session will provide the opportunity to discuss how the OSCE can contribute to efforts aimed at preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in its area.

Working session IV: Threats and challenges stemming from the territory of Afghanistan and the OSCE's contribution to stability in the region
(16 June 2010, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

With reference to MC Decision No. 4/07 on OSCE engagement with Afghanistan, Working Session IV will provide a forum for reviewing OSCE engagement with Afghanistan, including activities related to border security and management, policing, countering terrorism and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and other areas. This session will allow for a focused discussion on ways to strengthen co-operation among the OSCE, Afghanistan and other relevant international and regional organizations and actors in this area. Moreover, participants are encouraged to reflect on international and regional initiatives to facilitate co-operation in the region, with the aim to counter threats and challenges stemming from the territory of Afghanistan.

Working session V: Review of OSCE police-related activities
(16 June, 3–5.30 p.m.)

Recalling PC Decision No. 914 on further enhancing OSCE police-related activities, Working Session V will be used to discuss how to focus and improve OSCE activities in this field and consider options for future OSCE engagement. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange views on the conclusions of the Annual Police Experts Meeting 2010 and on the report by the OSCE Secretary General on police-related activities of the OSCE executive structures up to the end of 2009. Participants are encouraged to reflect on comparative advantages of the OSCE in the policing area, lessons learned and ways to combat organized crime and terrorism by enhancing police-related activities in the OSCE area. In addition, this session will focus on the existing frameworks for co-operation with other international and regional actors in this area, in order to address threats in a co-ordinated and complementary way and to avoid duplication. This session will contribute to further discussions for the potential provision of a framework and strategic recommendations for future OSCE police-related activities.

Closing session
(16 June 2010, 5.30 p.m.–6 p.m.)

In the closing session, the Chairperson will present a first perception of the results of the working groups, as well as recommendations made at the Conference on ways to follow up on them, in order to enhance the security dialogue. A particular focus will be given to the proposals which might contribute to the Corfu Interim Report.

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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 security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, to provide 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.

Each working session will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will serve as co-ordinator for preparing the session.

The contribution of the FSC will be made in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences. The FSC contribution to the ASRC includes the chairing of the third working session by a member of the FSC Troika or the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC).

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.

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

The Chairmanship will co-ordinate the preparation of the ASRC with the FSC Chairperson and the OSCE Secretariat.

The Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report on the Conference before the summer recess.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate.

Participation

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

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC). The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite some heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference. Consideration should be given to the possibility of inviting heads of field operations to be present as keynote speakers or moderators.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 900 of 22 October 2009.

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

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in seven sessions. The opening session is intended to provide an opportunity for formal statements to be delivered and to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions at the working sessions. The opening session will include the welcoming remarks by the Chairperson-in-Office or his representative and the report by the FSC Chairperson. The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guest(s) to address the Conference.

The working sessions will concentrate on one topic, introduced by one or two keynote speakers, whose addresses may be followed by a discussion of relevant subtopics that are mentioned in the agenda.

The aim is an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

In order to reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that, at each of the sessions, the interfaces of security, and also the question of co-operation with other international organizations, will be addressed.

To promote interactive discussion, the formal statements at the opening session and the interventions at the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes in length. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

By 1 June 2010, the participants in the Conference should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC, in response to the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference which will be sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 7 June 2010, the participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speeches.

Written contributions should be submitted to the Conference Services, which will then distribute them. The information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of the keynote speakers should be focused on the subject of the relevant session, thus setting the scene for the discussion at the sessions, and should stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities.

The maximum available speaking time is 20–25 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session at which they are speaking, and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

To enable delegations to prepare themselves, keynote speakers should provide a written contribution and their biographical synopsis to the CPC by 24 May 2010. In their presentations, keynote speakers should touch on the highlights of their written contribution.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' written reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International organizations may participate in all the sessions. They are invited to concentrate their contributions on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the relevant session.

International organizations should provide factual information, useful for the participants of the ASRC, to the Conference Services by 7 June 2010.