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**DECISION No. 1071
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE 2013 OSCE-AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING
THE SECURITY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS**

(Adelaide, Australia, 18 and 19 March 2013)

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Welcoming the offer by Australia to host the annual Conference with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2013 OSCE-Australia Conference on Improving the Security of Women and Girls;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference as contained in the annex.

AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2013 OSCE-AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING THE SECURITY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Adelaide, Australia, 18 and 19 March 2013

**Co-hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia
and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)**

I. Agenda

Monday, 18 March 2013

8.30–9.15 a.m. Registration of participants

9.15–10 a.m. Opening session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office or
representative of the host country

- Representative of the host country
- Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
- Representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with
the Asian Partners for Co-operation
- Secretary General of the OSCE

10–10.30 a.m. Coffee break

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Combating gender-based violence against women and girls

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian
Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian
Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Prevention of gender-based violence against women and girls:
implementing the rule of law;

- Protecting refugees and internally displaced women and girls from gender-based violence;
- Exploitation of women for terrorist purposes.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

1–3 p.m.

Lunch

3–5.30 p.m.

Economic empowerment of women

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Empowering women as decision-makers;
- Promoting women's entrepreneurship;
- The link between the national economy and gender equality.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

Tuesday, 19 March 2013

9–11.30 a.m.

Combating all forms of human trafficking

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Combating all forms of trafficking in human beings: Lessons learned and emerging challenges – Asia-Pacific perspectives;
- Impact of anti-trafficking policies on the human rights of vulnerable and trafficked persons, especially women and girls;
- The connection between economic growth and trafficking of women and girls – increase or decrease?

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

11.30 a.m.–12 noon Coffee break

12 noon–1.30 p.m. Closing session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

Discussion and assessment of the OSCE Asian dialogue

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation

1.30 p.m. End of Conference

II. Participation

The OSCE participating States are invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE executive structures and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Community of Democracies, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic

Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Community, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of the Red Cross, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, United Nations, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, World Customs Organization and the World Bank.

Representatives of the members of the ARF may attend as guests of the host country. Other countries and organizations may also be invited by the host country.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

III. Timetable and other organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening session) on 18 March 2013 and end at 1:30 p.m. on 19 March 2013.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and a representative of the host country.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council.

Rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to the media. The Conference will be held in Adelaide, Australia. The working language will be English.

On the margins of the Conference, a side event on regional security architecture in Asia may be organized.