



***PERMANENT MISSION
OF TURKEY TO THE OSCE***

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Madam Moderator,

It is not always easy to identify a specific or unique niche for inter-governmental organizations in addressing the challenges posed by transnational threats (TNTs).

Furthermore, the global agenda regarding TNTs is not static. Therefore, international organizations need the flexibility and the broad expertise to adapt to ever evolving and mutating challenges on short notice.

Different countries being at different stages of evolution, transformation, expertise and know-how, in short having different capacities, have differing needs. Therefore, one size fits all solutions are impracticable.

This highlights the need for relevant OSCE structures to have ready at hand a broad range of tools and capacity to respond to the specific needs of participating States.

As somebody who coordinates the activities and participation of the relevant Turkish authorities dealing with TNTs in international fora and activities, I very often hear the repeated lament that law enforcement and intelligence authorities do not need the facilitation of international organizations in coordinating their efforts with their counterparts in third countries. Naturally it may be a different case for some other participating States.

Turkey sees the value added of the relevant OSCE structures in combating TNTs three fold.

First, the OSCE can be of assistance in needs assessment if called upon to do so in participating States, thereby highlighting the areas where donations and contributions can be effectively channeled.

Second, the OSCE, through its targeted seminars, conferences and workshops can ensure an effective exchange of views among the laymen, thus ensuring that best practices are widely shared.

Last but not least the OSCE can assist in capacity building in participating States through its own dedicated structures and staff. In this vein, we are supportive of prioritizing the work of the SPMU and increasing its capacity.

I would also like to briefly highlight the importance we attach to close cooperation and coordination between international and regional organizations particularly those adjacent to the OSCE areas. Regional or sub-regional organizations have a great deal up expertise and knowledge on a regional specific basis which can collectively feed into the greater pool in organization like the OSCE. The OSCE on the other hand can help regional or sub-regional organizations build their own capacity. In this regard, as the current chair of CICA we strongly support a strong OSCE-CICA axis.

And finally just to provide a brief overview of the Turkish contribution to the OSCE, in combating TNTs, Turkey has to date seconded 86 police officers to various OSCE Missions. Currently 21 police officers are actively on duty. The Turkish National Police has provided training to police officers from Montenegro, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. These projects are ongoing. The first chiefs of police meeting of CICA member states was held last year in Turkey, with the second planned for 2012. The OSCE SPMU has been and will be invited to these events. These events ensure a sound understanding between those directly responsible for countering TNTs and helps achieve cooperation and interface.

Thank you.