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**DECISION No. 803
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE 2007 OSCE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON
VICTIMS OF TERRORISM**

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account its Decisions Nos. 756 on the OSCE work programme for 2007 on preventing and combating terrorism, and 778 on the dates of the 2007 OSCE High-Level Meeting on Victims of Terrorism,

Approves the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the above-mentioned High-Level Meeting contained in the annex to this decision;

Tasks the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) with developing, in co-ordination with the Chairmanship, a detailed annotated agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2007 OSCE High-Level Meeting on Victims of Terrorism.

AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2007 OSCE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

Vienna, 13 and 14 September 2007

I. Agenda and timetable

Thursday, 13 September 2007

- 9.30 a.m. Welcoming remarks
- 10 a.m. Session 1: The victim
- 2.30 p.m. Session 2: Victims' assistance programmes

Friday, 14 September 2007

- 10 a.m. Session 3: Victims in legal proceedings
- 2 p.m. Session 4: The role of civil society
- 4.30 p.m. Closing remarks by moderators

II. Organizational modalities

The High-Level Meeting will be opened by the OSCE Chairmanship.

Each of the working sessions will have a moderator and the ODIHR and OSCE Chairmanship will provide rapporteurs.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be applied at the High-Level Meeting. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into consideration.

All plenary sessions will be open to all participants.

The discussions during the plenary sessions will be interpreted from and into the six working languages of the OSCE.

A comprehensive report on the discussions at the High-Level Meeting will be distributed by the ODIHR no later than eight weeks after the event.

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

III. Participation

Delegations from the OSCE participating States, as well as representatives of civil society, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations having relevant experience on the topic of this meeting can participate subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraph (16), of Helsinki Document 1992. Delegations from participating States will, ideally, include one high-level official and one national expert. They may also include representatives of civil society, the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

Relevant OSCE executive structures will be invited to the High-Level Meeting.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation shall be invited to attend and make both oral and written contributions at the High-Level Meeting.

Other intergovernmental organizations dealing with solidarity with the victims of terrorism will also be invited, including the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

Guidelines for speakers

To facilitate discussion within time constraints, keynote presentations will be limited to 15–20 minutes and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes.

Participants are encouraged to share national experiences and legislation on victims of terrorism in general, and more specifically on the topic of assistance, the standing of victims in legal proceeding and the role of civil society in solidarity with victims of terrorism. Participants are welcome to provide more detailed written remarks and copies of relevant documents to be shared with all participants.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions in the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five to seven minutes.

Guidelines regarding deadlines for registration, submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information

By 3 September 2007, participating States should, via their national delegations, inform the OSCE ODIHR of the composition of their delegations in response to the invitation that will have been sent out by the OSCE ODIHR.

By 3 September 2007, representatives of civil society, the private sector and non-governmental organizations should register either via their national delegations or by sending directly to the OSCE ODIHR their registration form for this meeting.

By 7 September 2007, participating States and other participants in the High-Level Meeting are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.

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

The OSCE ODIHR will not be in a position to translate written contributions; only proceedings will be simultaneously interpreted into the OSCE official languages, as mentioned above.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

The Russian Federation wishes to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

“The Russian Federation has joined the consensus on the Permanent Council decision on the ‘Agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2007 OSCE High-Level Meeting on Victims of Terrorism’, taking into account the priority importance of discussing within the OSCE the problems involved in countering international terrorism and bearing in mind the particular importance of activities, within this framework, to protect the rights of the victims of terrorist crimes and of effectively involving the capabilities of civil society, the private sector and non-governmental organizations in these efforts.

In so doing, we interpret the second paragraph after the heading ‘Guidelines regarding deadlines for registration, submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information’ of section ‘III. Participation’ of this decision as meaning that representatives of civil society, the private sector and non-governmental organizations must be registered in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 43 of the Document of the Moscow Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE of 1991 and of Chapter IV, paragraph 16, of the CSCE Helsinki Document of 1992. We are counting on the Spanish Chairmanship and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to follow those provisions.

The Russian Federation’s consent to this decision is based on its understanding that the adoption of the decision does not set a precedent as regards the organizational modalities of future OSCE events.

We request that this interpretive statement be attached to the decision of the Permanent Council as adopted and to the journal of the day”.