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**DECISION No. 718**  
**2006 OSCE-THAILAND CONFERENCE ON CHALLENGES TO GLOBAL  
SECURITY: FROM POVERTY TO PANDEMIC**

Bangkok, 25 and 26 April 2006

The Permanent Council,

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

Decides to hold the 2006 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Challenges to Global Security: From Poverty to Pandemic;

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



12.30–2 p.m.	Luncheon
2 p.m.	Session 2: Poverty to pandemic: Countering threats to regional security  Moderator: Ambassador of an OSCE participating State Rapporteur: Representative of a Partner for Co-operation  Speakers (10 minutes each):  Representative of an OSCE participating State Representative of an OSCE Partner for Co-operation Representative of a relevant international organization/academic institution
3.30–3.45 p.m.	Coffee break
3.45–5 p.m.	Discussion
7 p.m.	Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

**Wednesday, 26 April 2006**

9.30 a.m.	Session 3: Challenges and opportunities for regional co-operation for global human security  Moderator: Ambassador of a Partner for Co-operation Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State  Speakers (10 minutes each):  Representative of an OSCE participating State Representative of an OSCE Partner for Co-operation Representative of a relevant international organization/academic institution
11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Discussion
12.30–3 p.m.	Luncheon

- 3 p.m. Concluding session
- Co-Chair: Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office  
Representative of the host country
- Rapporteurs' reports of sessions 1 to 3  
Chairpersons' summary
- 4.15–4.30 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.30 p.m. Closing remarks
- Representative of the Chairmanship of the Contact Group with  
the Asian Partners for Co-operation  
Representative of the host country
- 5 p.m. Closing of the Conference

## II. Participation

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

The Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions, including 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: African Union, Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, Euro-Asian Economic Commonwealth, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, GUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross, League of Arab States, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, United Nations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime 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 notification required).

### **III. Timetable and other organizational modalities**

The Conference will begin at 9.30 a.m. (opening session) on 25 April 2006 and end at 5 p.m. on 26 April 2006.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the OSCE Chairman-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 Bangkok, Thailand.

The working language will be English.

Transportation between the Conference hotel(s) and the Conference venue, and also to the evening receptions and back to the hotel(s), will be provided by the host country.

Participants will be responsible for all airport transfers to and from the Conference venue.