856th Plenary Meeting
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DECISION No. 992
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY: EXPLORING THE FUTURE OSCE ROLE

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 991,

Decides to organize the OSCE Conference on a Comprehensive Approach to Cyber Security: Exploring the Future OSCE Role in accordance with the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities annexed to this decision.

OSCE CONFERENCE ON
A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY:
EXPLORING THE FUTURE OSCE ROLE

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Monday, 9 May 2011

10–10.45 a.m.   Opening session

    –   Opening remarks by the OSCE Chairmanship
    –   Opening address by the OSCE Secretary General

10.45–11 a.m.   Coffee break

11 a.m.–1 p.m.   Working session 1: The politico-military dimension

    –   Introduction by session moderator
    –   Exchange of national views on developing norms of State behaviour in cyberspace to respond to threats relevant to the politico-military domain including those to critical infrastructures
    –   Discussion
    –   Moderator's closing remarks

1–3 p.m.   Lunch break

3–5 p.m.   Working session 2: Cybercrime and terrorist use of the Internet

    –   Introduction by session moderator
    –   Developing potential countermeasures to threats emanating from cybercrime and terrorist use of the Internet
    –   Discussion
    –   Moderator's closing remarks

5–7 p.m.   Networking reception

Tuesday, 10 May 2011

10 a.m.–12 noon   Working session 3: Global responses

    –   Introduction by session moderator

–   Global developments in the area of cyber security including
        initiatives and statutes related to the pertinent international
        legal framework and international co-operation
–   Discussion
–   Moderator's closing remarks

| 12 noon–2 p.m. | Lunch break |

| 2–4 p.m. | Working session 4: Regional responses |

–   Introduction by session moderator
–   The role and initiatives of regional organizations, especially
        with regard to how they relate to pertinent international
        developments
–   Discussion
–   Moderator's closing remarks

| 4–4.30 p.m. | Coffee break |

| 4.30–6 p.m. | Closing session: The potential role of the OSCE |

–   Summary of pertinent Conference findings and suggestions
–   The potential future role of the OSCE and in particular how and
        if initiatives on the global and regional level might be further
        enhanced by the OSCE in all three dimensions including
        exploring the possible need to develop a strategic OSCE
        document that complements existing efforts
–   Discussion
–   Closing remarks

II. Organizational modalities

Organization

The OSCE Conference on a Comprehensive Approach to Cyber Security: Exploring
the Future OSCE Role will take place on 9 and 10 May 2011 (2 full days) in the Hofburg,
Vienna.

Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be followed,
mutatis mutandis, at this meeting.

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

Each working session will have a moderator, who will briefly introduce the session
topic and provide concise closing remarks focusing on recommendations and suggestions for
concrete follow-up action.

Each working session will have three presenters. Presenters and moderators will be selected by the OSCE Chairmanship. Suitable nominations are to be submitted to the Conference co-ordinators as soon as possible.

The OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) will act as rapporteur for all sessions and will prepare a follow-up report, outlining concrete suggestions and recommendations made at the event regarding a possible future role for the OSCE in the area of comprehensively enhancing cyber security and for concrete and co-ordinated follow-up activities by relevant OSCE structures. This report will be provided to the Security Committee not later than 27 June 2011.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate, including through a press release to be issued at the start of the Conference. The opening session of the Conference will be open to the media.

Under the overall guidance of the Chairmanship, the ATU will be tasked to act as Conference co-ordinator, be entrusted with the pertinent logistical arrangements and act as the project focal point in the OSCE Secretariat – co-ordinating closely with other relevant structures and, in particular, Conference Services.

III. Participation

The Conference is targeted at key political decision makers of national authorities tasked with cyber security. Participating States are encouraged to ensure the participation of such officials as the main Conference participant(s). To aid these political decision makers with any complex and technical issues that may arise during discussions, participating States are encouraged to also nominate technical experts to advise political decision makers throughout the Conference. Given the focus on a comprehensive approach to cyber security, national delegations could also include members of computer emergency response teams (CERTs); the private sector, in particular computer and Internet-related companies; academia as well as think tanks; the legal community and civil society.

The OSCE institutions will be invited to participate in the Conference. The Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will also be invited to participate.

Other relevant international and regional organizations involved in cyber security related activities will also be invited.

The deadline for registration will be 22 April 2011.

General guidelines for participants

This Conference will be conducted in four working sessions (2 days).

The working sessions will concentrate on the information presented by the speakers. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion of any number of relevant subtopics that delegates may wish to raise.

To promote interactive discussion, delegations are requested to provide formal statements in writing only. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes. They will follow the moderator's set guidelines.

Guidelines for presenters

To facilitate discussion within time constraints, presentations will be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes. The moderators will enforce a strict time limit.

In their contributions, presenters will set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among participants by raising appropriate issues and recommending concrete follow-up measures. Speakers will limit their presentations to substantive issues only. They will not introduce at length the entities they represent – moderators will enforce this point rigorously. Moreover, speakers will be present during the entire session in which they present and will be ready to engage in the debate following their presentations.

Guidelines for moderators

A moderator will chair each session and will facilitate and focus dialogue among the participants. The moderator will briefly introduce the session topic and provide concise closing remarks focusing on recommendations and suggestions for concrete follow-up action.

Moderators will also strictly enforce time limits and will ensure that speakers limit their presentations to substantive issues only.

Outside of their introductory remarks, moderators will not advance personal views.

Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions

Overall, prior circulation of briefings, overviews or statements is encouraged.

Presenters should submit their written contributions to the Conference co-ordinators no later than 2 May 2011.

Participants are invited to submit any written contributions they may have no later than 2 May 2011.