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**DECISION No. 791
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE OSCE POLITICAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIP IN COUNTERING TERRORISM**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 756 on the OSCE work programme for 2007 on preventing and combating terrorism,

Taking into account its Decision No. 782 on the dates of the 2007 OSCE Political Conference on Public-Private Partnership in Countering Terrorism,

Approves the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the above-mentioned Conference contained in the annex to this decision.

Tasks the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) to develop a detailed annotated agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2007 OSCE Political Conference on Public-Private Partnership in Countering Terrorism.

**OSCE POLITICAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
CONFERENCE: “PARTNERSHIP OF STATE AUTHORITIES, CIVIL
SOCIETY AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN
COMBATING TERRORISM”**

Vienna, 31 May and 1 June 2007

I. Agenda and timetable

Thursday, 31 May 2007

- 10–11 a.m. Opening session: Welcoming remarks by representatives of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Secretary General and the United Nations. Statements by Heads of the Russian and the United States delegations.
- 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 1: Public-private partnerships (PPPs) that promote economic stability and security and address underlying factors, such as social, political and economic conditions that terrorists exploit.
- 3–5.30 p.m. Working session 2: PPPs that promote tolerance, human rights, the rule of law, democracy, good governance and inter-faith dialogue. PPPs with media (including the Internet) and educational institutions that promote public awareness and outreach, while encouraging intercultural, inter-religious diversity.

Friday, 1 June 2007

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 3: PPPs to protect critical infrastructure (i.e., relating to transportation, energy, ports, borders, aviation and cyber-security) and address preparedness/consequence-management issues.
- 2.30–4.30 p.m. Working session 4: PPPs to counter the financing of terrorism and address business-related risks (e.g., insurance, reputation) linked to terrorism.
- 4.30–5.30 p.m. Closing session: Summary of recommendations by the representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office.

II. Organizational modalities

A representative of the Chairman-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each of the working sessions will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The rapporteur(s) will serve as the co-ordinator(s) to prepare the session.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

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

The representative of the Chairman-in-Office will present a Chairperson's summary of the Conference at the closing session. This summary will be prepared in advance in close consultation with participating States and will contain a set of recommendations aimed at enhancing the counter-terrorism actions of national actors, international organizations, civil society and the business community, and a compilation of best PPP practices/case studies.

The Secretary General will distribute a comprehensive report on the Conference.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate. The opening and closing sessions of the Conference will be open to the media.

III. Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for co-ordination of counter-terrorism activities. Given the purpose of the Conference to build partnership among State authorities, civil society and the business community, national delegations may include representatives of governments, NGOs, academia/think-tanks, the legal community, and civil society; major media outlets; TV- and radio-broadcasting companies; Internet-related companies; and the business community, in particular major transport, financial/banking, insurance and energy companies.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Secretariat. The Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

The United Nations and other international organizations involved in counter-terrorism activities will also be invited.

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.

In their contributions, the keynote speakers should set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations, and should concentrate on the highlights of their contributions in their presentations. Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking to and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions in the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subjects covered by the working session, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' written reports should address issues raised during the session concerned, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session and other relevant information.

Personal views will not be advanced.

Guidelines on timing for submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information

By 17 May 2007, the keynote speakers should submit written contributions. International organizations are invited to submit in writing factual information on their organizations that would be useful for the participants. Such information should not be brought to the attention of participants during the Conference.

By 21 May 2007 in response to the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference which will be sent out by the ATU, the participants in the Conference should inform the ATU, through their permanent missions to the OSCE in Vienna only, of the composition of their delegations.

By 25 May 2007, the participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speeches.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to the ATU which will then distribute them.

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Attachment 1

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE
OSCE RULES OF PROCEDURE**

By the European Union:

“The European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The European Union has joined consensus on this decision on the basis of its interpretation of the first paragraph of the section on participation, i.e. that, in accordance with Helsinki principles and established practice, NGOs are not excluded from participating in their own right in this conference.

We ask that this statement be attached to the decision adopted and included as an annex to the journal of the day.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia^{*}, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this statement.”

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Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
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By the delegation of Canada:

“On behalf of the delegations of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, and Canada, I would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure, regarding the Decision on the agenda, timetable, and organizational modalities of the OSCE Political Conference on Public-Private Partnership in Countering Terrorism.

Our interpretation of paragraph 1 of Section III Participation is that, in accordance with Helsinki Principles and established practice, NGOs are not excluded from participating in their own right in this conference, adopted under silence procedure.

We ask that this statement on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland be attached to the decision adopted and included as an annex to the journal of the day.”