



**447th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 540  
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL  
MODALITIES OF THE CONFERENCE ON ANTI-SEMITISM**

(Vienna, 19 and 20 June 2003)

**I. Agenda**

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Opening plenary: Keynote interventions
3. Discussion in four sessions
4. Closing plenary: Summing up and closing of the Conference

**II. Timetable and other organizational modalities**

1. The Conference will open in Vienna on Thursday, 19 June 2003, at 9 a.m. It will close on Friday, 20 June 2003, at 1 p.m.
2. All plenary and working group sessions will be open.

**Opening: Setting the context**

- Why this meeting, why now?
- Define the problem of anti-Semitism and its manifestations throughout the OSCE region;
- The role of governments in monitoring and responding to incidents.

**Session 1: Legislative, institutional mechanisms and governmental action, including law enforcement**

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- Appropriate anti-discrimination legislation and national experience with criminal prosecution of violence;
- A discussion of hate crime legislation and good police practices;
- Law enforcement and the judiciary, including training;
- Government policies and practices at national, regional and local levels, including the examination of the role of independent specialized bodies.

**Session 2: The Role of Governments and Civil Society in Promoting tolerance**

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- The role of governmental bodies and NGOs in reporting, monitoring and combating anti-Semitism and intolerance;
- The effectiveness of dialogue as a mechanism to support understanding and mutual respect;
- Inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and development of civic tolerance-building programmes.

**Session 3: Education**

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- The role of education in promoting tolerance;
- Teacher-training programmes;
- Teaching of history;
- School curricula;
- Elimination of discrimination tendencies and prejudices in society.

**Session 4: Information and Awareness Raising: The Role of the Media in Conveying and Countering Prejudice**

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- Public opinion and role of the media, including new technologies (*inter alia*, the internet);

- Reporting and interpretation of developments in the OSCE area;
- Problems regarding the dissemination of hate speech and anti-Semitic materials and ways to counteract this;
- Addressing Holocaust denial.

**Closing: Conclusions**

Conclusions and recommendations.

3. The plenary and working group sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme below.
4. Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be applied at the Conference.
5. Discussions will be interpreted from and into all six working languages of the OSCE.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

Working hours: 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. and 2-5.30 p.m. (Thursday)  
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Friday)

	Thursday, 19 June 2003	Friday, 20 June 2003
Morning	Opening session Session 1	Session 4 Closing Plenary
Afternoon	Session 2 Session 3	