

321st Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 2/01
AGENDA, MODALITIES AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE
FOR THE SEMINAR ON MILITARY DOCTRINES AND DEFENCE
POLICIES IN THE OSCE AREA
(Vienna, 11-13 June 2001)**

The objective of the Seminar is to enhance transparency and predictability in the OSCE area through a free and frank exchange of views on defence policies and military doctrines. This would contribute to a better understanding among the OSCE participating States of each others defence policies and military doctrines. In particular the Seminar aims at:

- highlighting politico-military developments that have a direct bearing on national defence policies and military doctrines in the OSCE area, as well as within a multinational framework;
- discussing trends in politico-military thinking that affect or may affect armed forces of participating States, organizations and institutions;
- analysing consequences of implementation of defence policies and military doctrines for security and stability in the OSCE area;
- reinforcing the complementary nature of the security dialogue, confidence- and security-building process as well as arms control within the framework of the FSC;
- giving further impetus to the OSCE/FSC work in the form of recommendations.

I. Outline agenda

Opening Session

- Introductory remarks by the Chairperson
- Opening address by the Chairperson of the FSC

Working Session 1: The security environment: facts, changes and challenges, relevant to defence policies and military doctrines

Guidelines for discussion:

- Overview of major developments that brought further change to the politico-military situation in the OSCE area and in subregions;
- Actual challenges in the OSCE area and beyond that deserve primary attention for security and stability;
- Impact of technologies, defence industries and arms control on defence policies and military doctrines.

Working Session 2: Military doctrines and reforms of armed forces

Guidelines for discussion:

- Changes in national defence concepts and military doctrines (missions of armed forces, parameters, constraints, democratic control);
- Reforms in military structures and defence capabilities of the OSCE participating States (force posture, operations, training, recruiting, command);
- Future role of armed and security forces: doctrines, tasks, structures and resources.

Working Session 3: Multinational security approaches in the OSCE area: concepts and doctrines

Guidelines for discussion:

- Co-operation, integration and collective defence (organizations, institutions and States);
- Other multilateral and bilateral arrangements;
- Provisions of defence policies and military doctrines related to conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict stabilization (lessons learned, new ideas and demands for the armed forces).

Working Session 4: Conclusions and the way ahead

Guidelines for discussion:

- Evaluation of changes in defence policies and military doctrines and their impact on security in the OSCE area;

- Assessment of foreseeable challenges in the politico-military field: risks and opportunities;
- Security Dialogue, CSBMs and arms control agenda of the OSCE.

Closing Session

- Reports of the rapporteurs
- Discussion and final statements
- Closing remarks by the Chairperson

II. Organizational modalities

(a) Preparation for the Seminar

1. Experts and high-level representatives from defence ministries, general staffs, other State institutions and security-related organizations dealing with issues of defence policies and military doctrines are invited to the Seminar. Following appropriate consultations with participating States the Chairperson of the FSC will invite relevant international organizations, institutions and personalities.
2. Participating States, international organizations and institutions are encouraged to present their statements on defence policies and military doctrines before the Seminar. These statements may be circulated at the FSC in concise and written form or presented at the FSC plenaries under the security dialogue agenda item.
3. The delegations are invited to submit questions or points of their interest relevant to the most important issues within each topic. The questions will be collected by the Chairperson of the WG B from the date of adoption of the present Decision. This indicative and open-ended question list will be kept as a WG B food-for-thought paper.
4. The FSC Chairperson after appropriate consultations will nominate keynote speakers, moderators and rapporteurs including from the proposals made by the participating States. For this purpose, interested participating States should indicate the session for which they wish to nominate a keynote speaker, a moderator or a rapporteur by 30 April 2001. If necessary additional modalities of their nomination and their presentations will be discussed in the WG B.
5. Keynote speakers, moderators and rapporteurs will be kept informed by the Chairperson of the Seminar on the above mentioned list of questions in the process of its compilation. Keynote speakers will be encouraged to reflect those questions as well as their own ideas on the subject in their statements in the working sessions. Moderators should consider the list of questions in the whole or a question(s) in particular as a reference to stimulate the discussion so that the questions should be addressed.

6. Keynote speakers will be requested to submit a synopsis of their presentations for circulation to delegations before the Seminar.

(b) Conduct of the Seminar

1. The Seminar will be chaired by the Russian Federation.

2. The Seminar will begin with a short opening session, providing a total of 30 minutes for possible opening addresses by participating States, and will end by a closing session. The Seminar will be conducted in four working sessions.

3. Each working session will begin with presentations of keynote speakers (up to 10 minutes each), after which discussion will take place.

4. During the closing session of the Seminar, each rapporteur, upon appropriate consultation with the Chairperson and the moderator, will submit a report on the issues addressed at the respective working sessions.

5. On the basis of these reports, the Chairperson will present a summary of the discussions that will be brought to the attention of the FSC.

6. Interpretation into the OSCE official languages will be provided.

7. Other OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will, *mutatis mutandis*, be applied to the Seminar.

8. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) as well as Partners for Co-operation Japan, Republic of Korea and Thailand will be invited to attend the Seminar.

(c) Tentative timetable

Working hours: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
3-6 p.m.

	Monday, 11 June 2001	Tuesday, 12 June 2001	Wednesday, 13 June 2001
Morning	Opening Session WS 1	WS 2 (3)	WS 4
Afternoon	WS 1 (2)	WS 3 (4)	Closing Session

WS = Working Session