



**The OSCE and Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter:  
Confronting Emerging Security Challenges  
In the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian Space**

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**Neuer Saal, Hofburg**

**Annotated Agenda**

Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter encourages regional arrangements like the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to support the UN Security Council by helping to maintain international peace and security, particularly with regard to the peaceful settlement of disputes. An August 2013 Presidential Statement issued by the Security Council underscored the importance of further developing and strengthening cooperation between regional organizations and the United Nations, highlighting the important role that regional and sub-regional organizations can play in conflict prevention, peaceful settlement of disputes, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding.

The 2014 OSCE Security Days conference on *The OSCE and Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter: Confronting Emerging Security Challenges in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian Space* is intended to inspire a highly interactive dialogue on the Organization's responsibilities – and opportunities – as a regional arrangement under Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter in the contemporary security context. By engaging practitioners and seeking recommendations for both the policy and operational level, the event will explore innovative ways for the OSCE to strengthen its co-operation arrangements with the United Nations and other regional organizations, particularly in the areas of conflict prevention (early warning and early action) and conflict resolution (mediation). Each session will feature a dynamic, moderated panel discussion among high-level participants, with an opportunity for questions and answers from the audience, who will include representatives of the 57 OSCE participating States, 11 Partner States, invited guests from international and regional organizations, research and academic institutions, media and young people, including the Carnegie Next Generation Fellows Program.

*The event will make full use of social media and Internet technologies to engage with young people throughout the OSCE area and around the world in real time.*

## **TUESDAY, 27 MAY**

**08:30 – 09:00** *Registration and Welcome Coffee*

**09:00 – 09:15** **Welcoming Remarks**

**H.E. Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General

**H.E. Dr. Thomas Greminger**, Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, Chair of the OSCE Permanent Council

**09:15 – 10:30**

**Session 1:     **Setting the Scene: Challenges and Opportunities for the OSCE in the Contemporary Security Context****

The OSCE Secretary General will introduce this session, which will assess the growing complexity of the challenges and threats to security in the OSCE region. In addressing this issue, the panel may touch upon some of the most urgent challenges in the OSCE region and adjacent areas that might have a direct or indirect impact on our collective security, such as the current crisis in Ukraine, the implications of the ISAF withdrawal from Afghanistan on regional security, or the impact of the on-going crisis in Syria. These threats are becoming increasingly multi-dimensional and transnational, affecting both regional and global security. Today's rapidly evolving security context, coupled with widespread economic hardship, requires international and regional organizations to find ways to work together more effectively, prevent duplication of efforts and competition for resources, and to reinforce the full coherence and synergy of collective international action. Emerging threats to peace and security in the OSCE area, including the re-emergence of Cold War thinking and rhetoric, are presenting new challenges but also opportunities for enhanced interaction between the OSCE, the UN and other regional organizations. How can closer coordination and cooperation be encouraged? In which areas is cooperation most effective? How can an efficient division of labour that makes full use of each organization's comparative advantages be established?

**Keynote addresses:**

**H.E. Danilo Türk**, Former President of the Republic of Slovenia

**H.E. Shin Dong-ik**, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

*Questions and Answers moderated by the OSCE Secretary General*

**10:30 – 11:00** *Coffee break*

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Session 2:     **Regional Organizations in Mediation and Conflict Resolution:  
Finding Lasting Solutions****

United Nations General Assembly resolution 65/283 underscores the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes and emphasizes the importance of partnerships and co-operation between international, regional and sub-regional organizations and the United

Nations, as well as among these organizations themselves, to ensure the coherence and complementarity of mediation efforts. Giving special focus to the OSCE region, this session will discuss tools for sustainable peaceful conflict resolution, bearing in mind the particular and important contribution of women. It will cover mediation, conciliation and arbitration, confidence building and further steps to sustain the reconciliation process. The potential contribution of civil society and Track II institutions such as think tanks and academic institutions will also be part of the discussion, as well as the need for capacity building in mediation and conflict solving. Some questions that might be considered include: When is the right moment to engage? What are the most effective tools to encourage all parties to participate and to sustain their commitment to the process? What are the comparative advantages of the OSCE and other regional and international organizations? How can they work together to improve coordination particularly in the early phases of conflict resolution and to fill gaps in capabilities throughout the process?

**Moderator:** Mr. Rick Thompson, Director, T-Media

**Panellists:**

**H.E. Erkki Tuomioja**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland

**H.E. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir**, UN Women Director for Europe and Central Asia, and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland

**Mr. David Harland**, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

**OSCE respondent:** H.E. Adam Kobieracki, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre

*Audience Q&A*

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Session 3: The Role of the OSCE as a Regional Organization in Conflict Prevention: Early Warning/Early Action**

Chapter VIII of the UN Charter, reinforced by Article 33 of Chapter VI, calls on Member States that have entered into regional arrangements to “make every effort to achieve pacific settlement of local disputes through such regional arrangements.” Can this approach be renewed and expanded in light of current challenges? How can the culture of “reaction” (peacekeeping, peacemaking and post-conflict rehabilitation) be shifted towards a culture of “prevention” (early warning and early action)? How can we better address conflict triggers as well as deeply rooted causes of conflict? How can conflict prevention methods be promoted more effectively and their profile raised? In the OSCE area in particular, how can regional organizations build stronger partnerships and closer and more operational co-operation with each other and with the United Nations in order to prevent emerging crises from spreading regionally and globally? Are ad hoc regional responses sufficient, or would more structured partnerships be more effective? How can current regional frameworks be used to better incorporate regional, national and local actors (both governmental and nongovernmental) in efforts to prevent conflict?

**Moderator:** **Hon. Jane Harman**, Director, President and CEO of the Wilson Center

**Panellists:**

**H.E. Ambassador Knut Vollebæk**, International Commission on Missing Persons and former OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

**Ms. Elizabeth Spehar**, Director, Europe Division, United Nations Department of Political Affairs

**H.E. Vladimir Voronkov**, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna

**H.E. Sokol Dervishaj**, Deputy Foreign Minister, Republic of Albania

**OSCE Respondent – Ambassador Fred Tanner**, Senior Adviser / Liaison to the Swiss Chairmanship

*Audience Q&A*

**15:30-16:00** *Coffee break*

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Session 4: Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter:  
Opportunities for the OSCE and the International Community**

This session will focus on identifying areas where the OSCE can work together with other regional organizations and with the United Nations to more fully carry out the mandate of Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter in the contemporary security context. Where is there room for strengthening the role of regional organizations in this framework? Is the approach defined in the framework of the 1992 *Agenda for Peace* (“useful flexibility” and “creativity”) sufficient to enable the development of stronger partnerships and closer and more operational co-operation? Could the common, comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible concept of security promoted by the OSCE and the related UN concept of human security be a basis for revitalizing Chapter VIII? How would this fit into the OSCE Helsinki+40 process and the need to reaffirm the importance of the Helsinki Principles and their implementation to avoid a return to Cold War logic? What are the new global challenges and how should the OSCE prepare to address them? How can the dynamic dialogue initiated at the Security Days conference be continued and deepened?

**Moderator:** **H.E. Dr. Thomas Greminger**, Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, Chair of the OSCE Permanent Council

**Introductory remarks**

**H.E. Vuk Jeremić**, Former President of the United Nations General Assembly

## **Responses from OSCE Ambassadors**

**H.E. Ambassador Rüdiger Lüdeking**, Head of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

**H.E. Ambassador Philip McDonagh**, Head of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

**H.E. Ambassador Kairat Sarybay**, Head of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE

*Audience Q&A*

## **17:30 – 17:45 Concluding Remarks**

**H.E. Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General

## **17:45 – 19:00 Reception**

## **19:00 – 20:30**

### **Night Owl Roundtable: Perspectives of the Next Generation on Challenges to Security in the OSCE Region**

Today we have an entire generation of up-and-coming leaders who grew up in a post-Cold War world in which the Helsinki Final Act formed the bedrock for relations between States in the OSCE region. What is their understanding of contemporary challenges to security in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian space? What are their priorities and their approaches to these challenges? Which aspects of previous generations' thinking on security are they prepared to use and which would they prefer to set aside as they move into positions of leadership? This session will provide an opportunity for Security Days participants to engage with representatives of the younger generation, including members of the Next Generation Euro-Atlantic Security Initiative sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. This initiative brings together emerging leaders under the age of 40 from policy research institutions, academia, government, international organizations, business and civil society across the OSCE region.

#### **Welcome**

**H.E. Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General

**Moderator: Ambassador James Collins**, Senior Associate and Diplomat in Residence, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

#### **Roundtable Participants:**

**Mr. Matthew Rojansky**, Director, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., USA

**Ms. Zeynep Alemdar**, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Okan University, Istanbul, Turkey

**Mr. Rem Korteweg**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform,  
London, UK

**Mr. Petri Hakkarainen**, Deputy Director for Policy Planning and Research,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

**Respondents:**

**H.E. Ambassador Ismatullo Nasredinov** Head of the Delegation of the  
Republic of Tajikistan to the OSCE

**H.E. Ambassador Blanka Jamnič**, Head of the Permanent Representation  
of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN, OSCE and other International  
Organizations in Vienna

**H.E. Ambassador Przemysław Grudziński**  
Head of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the OSCE

**H.E. Ambassador Gunaajav Batjargal**, Head of the Permanent Mission of  
Mongolia to the OSCE