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**DECISION No. 790
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE OSCE EXPERT CONFERENCE ON FIGHTING
THE THREAT OF ILLICIT DRUGS**

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account its Decisions Nos. 758 on enhancing international anti-drug co-operation, and 788 on the dates of the OSCE expert conference on fighting the threat of illicit drugs,

Approves the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the above-mentioned expert conference contained in the annex to this decision;

Tasks the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU) and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) with developing, in close consultation and co-operation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), a detailed annotated agenda for the OSCE expert conference on fighting the threat of illicit drugs.

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Vienna, 28 and 29 June 2007

I. Agenda and timetable

Thursday, 28 June 2007

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| 2–2.30 p.m. | Opening session |
| 2.30–5 p.m. | Session 1: Combating synthetic drugs throughout the OSCE area |
| | — Discussion |
| 5–6 p.m. | Reception — Hofburg |

Friday, 29 June 2007

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| 9–10.30 a.m. | Session 2: Countering illicit trafficking in cocaine in the OSCE area |
| | — Discussion |
| 10.30–11 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Session 3: Countering illicit trafficking in Afghan opiates in the OSCE area |
| | — Discussion |
| 12.30–2 p.m. | Lunch provided at the Hofburg |
| 2–4 p.m. | Session 4: Enhancing cross-border co-operation and intelligence-sharing in fighting illicit drugs |
| | — Discussion |
| 4–4.30 p.m. | Coffee break |

4.30–5.15 p.m. Closing session

II. Organizational Modalities

The opening session will be chaired by the Senior Police Advisor.

Each of the working sessions will have an additional moderator and the SPMU will provide rapporteurs.

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

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the OSCE official languages (English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish).

A comprehensive report on the expert Conference will be distributed by the Secretary General no later than six weeks after the expert Conference.

The press will be informed by the Press and Public Information Section (PPIS), as appropriate. In view of the sensitivity of the issues to be discussed, expert Conference proceedings will not be open to the general public or to the media.

III. Participation

Three-member delegations from participating States will be invited and will ideally include officials and practitioners from the participating States who are directly involved in international co-operation in fighting the threat of illicit drugs.

Vienna-based delegates from OSCE participating States are also welcome to attend.

Relevant OSCE institutions will be invited to the expert Conference as will the Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Other international organizations, involved in international co-operation in fighting the threat of illicit drugs will also be invited.

Guidelines for speakers

To facilitate discussion within time constraints, presentations will be limited to 10–15 minutes and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences in international co-operation in fighting the production of and trafficking in illicit drugs and to identify needs and ways of possible improvement in this area, and to utilize panel experts as resources for enhancing legal co-operation in fighting illicit drugs.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements in the opening session and interventions in the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five to seven minutes.

Guidelines regarding deadlines for submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information

By 15 June 2007, the participants in the expert Conference should, via their national delegations only, inform the OSCE SPMU of the composition of their delegations in response to the invitation that will have been sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 20 June 2007, participating States and other participants in the expert Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to the OSCE SPMU, which will then distribute them. This information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.

The OSCE Secretariat will not be in a position to translate written contributions; only conference proceedings will be simultaneously interpreted into the OSCE official languages, as mentioned above.