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**DECISION No. 604
AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE
2004 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

The Permanent Council,

Decides:

To organize the 2004 Annual Security Review Conference (2004 ASRC) with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

AGENDA OF THE 2004 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 23 and 24 June 2004

Programme

23 June 2004

- 10–10.30 a.m. Opening session
- 10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Session 1: Preventing and Combating Terrorism
- 3–6 p.m. Session 2: Border Security and Management

24 June 2004

- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Session 3: Comprehensive Security, a Strategic Approach
- 3–5.30 p.m. Session 4: The Way Forward
- 5.30–6 p.m. Closing session

Agenda

Opening session

(23 June, 10–10.30 a.m.)

The opening should set the stage for the 2004 ASRC.

Session 1: Preventing and Combating Terrorism

(23 June, 10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

This session will review the developments in the implementation of commitments and the structure for comprehensive action by participating States and the Organization to address, as a main priority, the threat of terrorism, its manifestations and conditions that may foster and sustain it, established through decisions and documents adopted in 2001, 2002 and 2003, and should evolve possible improvements through dialogue. This review might include the threats of proliferation of SALW, including MANPADS, as well as travel document security, the Counter-Terrorism Network and the protection of human rights while combating terrorism.

Session 2: Border Security and Management

(23 June, 3–6 p.m.)

This session will review the implementation of the commitment to strengthening the OSCE's capacities to promote open but at the same time secure borders, *inter alia*, through the elaboration of an OSCE Border Security and Management Concept in order to enhance mutually beneficial inter-State co-operation and capacity building. The review might include OSCE border-related activities and experiences and evolve possible improvements for the development of OSCE's potential in border security and management.

Session 3: Comprehensive Security, a Strategic Approach

(24 June, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

This session will review the threats and challenges to security and stability in the OSCE area and responses, in particular of a politico-military nature. The review might include the framework for permanent political and security dialogue to identify, analyse and react to new threats, the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, strategic changes in the security environment, the changing character of armed conflict, particular contributions of the FSC, as well as that of existing arms control agreements/treaties, including regional agreements and non-proliferation.

Session 4: The Way Forward

(24 June, 3–5.30 p.m.)

This session will discuss the way forward, in particular with the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century. This might include the overall capacity of the OSCE to identify, analyse and take co-ordinated action in response to threats and challenges, implementation, outreach, co-operation with other international organizations, as well as confidence- and security-building measures.

Closing session

(24 June, 5.30–6.p.m)

Chair's first perception, based on the contributions of the rapporteurs.

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2004 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 23 and 24 June 2004

Background

The Porto Ministerial Council of the OSCE, by adopting Decision No. 3, dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing security work undertaken by the OSCE and participating States, to provide an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the opening and closing sessions.

Each of the other sessions will have a designated co-ordinator and a rapporteur. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate the discussion, while the task of the rapporteurs will be to present a written report. Written reports will be distributed afterwards, co-ordinated by the Chair.

Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis* at the Conference.

Interpretation into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided.

The OSCE Secretariat is requested to provide factual information to be collected by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) by 1 June 2004.

The CPC will distribute the received written contributions to delegations in the first week of June. The information could also include contributions of OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate. Information that is available on the OSCE Delegate's Website will not be distributed.

Participation

Participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE bodies and institutions will participate in the conference, as well as the Secretary General and the Conflict Prevention Centre. The Parliamentary Assembly, the Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

Other international organizations to be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 563, dated 30 October 2003.

Security-related scientific institutes, “think tanks” of international standing or NGOs could be considered to be invited as keynote speakers or otherwise be represented as members of national delegations.

The Secretariat will send out a circular note to invite participating States and institutions, to inform the Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC by 17 May 2004.

The press will be informed by the Press and Public Information Section (PPIS), as appropriate.

General guidelines for participants

The detailed work of the ASRC will be conducted in four sessions, each of which will concentrate on one topic, introduced by one or more keynote speakers, which may be followed by a discussion of any number of relevant sub-topics that delegates may wish to raise. Each of the sessions mentioned in the agenda has been assigned a number of such subjects for illustrative purposes. These lists are not exhaustive. To reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that the interfaces of security will be addressed in each of the groups, as will the question of co-operation with other international organizations.

To promote an interactive discussion, no intervention should exceed five minutes.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of keynote speakers should stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations that are based on OSCE realities.

The maximum available speaking time is 20 minutes per keynote speaker; where there are two keynote speakers in the same session, the total maximum is 30 minutes.

The contribution of a keynote speaker should set the scene for the discussion in the session.

The contributions of the keynote speakers should be focused on the subject and should be concrete.

They should dedicate part of their speech, and/or written contribution to the enhancement of the security dialogue on work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States.

To enable delegations to prepare themselves, keynote speakers should provide a written contribution to the Conflict Prevention Centre by 1 June 2004.

In their presentations, keynote speakers should address the highlights of their contribution.

Guidelines for co-ordinators and rapporteurs

The co-ordinator chairs the session.

The co-ordinator should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations.

The co-ordinator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the working session, if appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion, and to reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that the interfaces of security will be addressed.

The rapporteur's report should address issues raised during the respective session, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines for participation of other international organizations

Factual information on their organization, useful for the participants of the ASRC should be provided to the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE by 1 June 2004 and should not be brought to the attention of participants during the Conference.

These organizations may be represented at the opening and closing sessions and may participate in the other sessions; their contribution should concentrate on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE.