

237th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 307**AGENDA, ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK, TIMETABLE AND
OTHER MODALITIES OF THE 1999 REVIEW CONFERENCE
AND THE PREPARATORY MEETING TO THE ISTANBUL SUMMIT****I. AGENDA**

- (A) Review Conference in Vienna (20 September-1 October 1999)
1. Formal opening
 2. Statement by Mr. Knut Vollebæk, OSCE Chairman-in-Office
 3. Reports by:
 - (a) the Secretary General
 - (b) the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 - (c) the High Commissioner on National Minorities
 - (d) the Director of ODIHR
 - (e) the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
 - (f) the President of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration
 - (g) the Chairman of the Forum for Security Co-operation
 - (h) the Chairman of the Security Model Committee
 4. General debate
 5. Contributions by:
 - (a) Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia)
 - (b) Partners for Co-operation (Japan and the Republic of Korea)
 - (c) the United Nations
 - (d) other international organizations, institutions and entities
 6. Review of implementation of OSCE principles and commitments, including a focus on recommendations for future action and greater co-operation among participating States:
 - (a) Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments

- (b) Review of OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments, including consideration of proposals designed to enhance the role of the OSCE and further strengthen its capabilities

- 7. Reports by the Rapporteurs and the Chairman's Summary
- 8. Formal closure

(B) Review Conference in Istanbul (8-10 November 1999)

- 1. Formal opening
- 2. Statement by a representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on the results of the proceedings at the part of the Review Conference held in Vienna
- 3. Working sessions
- 4. Chairman's Summary
- 5. Formal closure

(C) Preparatory Meeting, in Istanbul (11-17 November 1999)

- 1. Formal opening
- 2. Preparation of a document/documents to be adopted at the Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the participating States, to be held in Istanbul on 18 and 19 November 1999
- 3. Formal closure

II. ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK, TIMETABLE AND OTHER MODALITIES

1. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of the agenda for the Review Conference in Vienna will be dealt with in plenary meetings. The part of the Review Conference held in Istanbul will consist of plenary meetings and working sessions. Those making reports or contributions under agenda items 3, 4 and 5 of the Review Conference in Vienna are encouraged to submit them in writing. Oral presentations under agenda item 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the Vienna part of the Review Conference and agenda item 3 at the Istanbul part should not exceed five minutes.

Under agenda item 3, at the Review Conference in Vienna, the Chairman of the Joint Consultative Group (JCG) may provide information on the functioning of the CFE regime. Similarly, the Chairman of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) and the Chairman of the Security Model Committee (SMC) will be invited to report to the plenary on Monday, 20 September 1999.

2. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) are invited to attend the Review Conference and to make their contributions to the Review Conference in plenary and in the appropriate working sessions, in the context of the relevant provisions of the Final Act and other OSCE documents, with respect to the realization of the objectives concerning security and co-operation in the Mediterranean area as well as co-operation and closer links with the OSCE as set out in those documents.

Japan is invited to make its contributions in plenary and in the appropriate working sessions, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992.

The Republic of Korea is invited to observe the proceedings in plenary and in the appropriate working sessions of the Review Conference and to make its contributions in plenary.

3. OSCE field presences are encouraged to designate a representative to participate in the Review Conference.

4. Agenda item 6 of the Review Conference in Vienna will be dealt with in working sessions. An indicative work programme for the working sessions will be decided upon at the first plenary of the Review Conference, after open-ended informal consultations that are to be concluded prior to the opening of the Review Conference. For practical and organizational reasons, the deliberations will be organized according to the three traditional areas of OSCE activity; at the same time, sessions will be organized in such a way as to permit a discussion of OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments:

Human Dimension

Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments in the human dimension

Chair: Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
(12 sessions)

Economic Dimension

Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments in the economic dimension

Chair: Representative of Austria
(4 sessions)

Politico-military aspects of security

Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments relating to the politico-military aspects of security

Chair: Representative of Poland
(4 sessions)

OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments

Review of OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments, including consideration of proposals designed to enhance the role of the OSCE and further strengthen its capabilities, of OSCE co-operation with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and of lessons learnt from field activities

Chair: Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
(4 sessions)

5. The plenary of the Review Conference will provide direction to the deliberations in the working sessions. The plenary, in closed session, may also give guidance on preparatory work to be undertaken on the Summit document.

6. In keeping with the increasing openness of OSCE activities, representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with relevant experience in the area under discussion are free, on the basis of the procedures set out in the Annex, to attend and contribute to the working sessions of the Review Conference dealing with the human and the economic dimension and the part of OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments dealing with lessons learnt from field activities.

7. Other subsidiary working bodies of the Review Conference may be set up by the plenary to deal with specific questions.

8. The plenary meetings of the Review Conference will be open unless otherwise decided.

9. Agenda items 1 and 3 of the Preparatory Meeting will be dealt with by the Committee of the Whole of the Preparatory Meeting. Agenda item 2 will be dealt with by the Committee of the Whole and drafting groups established for this purpose by the Preparatory Meeting.

10. The plenary meetings and working sessions of the Review Conference and the Preparatory Meeting will be held in accordance with the meeting schedule contained in this document. The meeting schedule will be subject to constant review and possible readjustment by the respective plenary or Committee of the Whole.

11. The representatives of the following international organizations, institutions and entities will be invited to make their contributions to the Review Conference in plenary: United Nations, Council of Europe, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Western European Union, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, International Atomic Energy Agency, Energy Charter Secretariat, International Energy Agency, Commonwealth of Independent States, Council of the Baltic Sea States, Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative, Central European Initiative and South-Eastern Europe Cooperation Process.

In view of their active involvement in OSCE field activities, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the International Organization for Migration and the International Committee of the Red Cross will also be invited to make their contributions in plenary.

The above international organizations and institutions, and any others that are agreed upon, may be invited to make contributions at appropriate working sessions of the Review Conference in the context of relevant agenda items.

12. The rules of procedure and the working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Review Conference and the Preparatory Meeting.

13. The Chair at the plenary meetings will be a representative of the Chairman-in-Office. The discussions during the working sessions will be chaired by a representative of the OSCE Chairmanship Troika countries; Poland, Austria and Norway.

The representative of the Chairman-in-Office will, after consultations with the participating States, appoint rapporteurs for the working sessions. One rapporteur should be designated for each of the following: the economic dimension, the politico-military aspects of security, and OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments. Two rapporteurs should be designated for the human dimension. The reports of the rapporteurs, which will not be regarded as binding documents, will be presented in the last plenary meeting of the Review Conference in Vienna, and will serve as a basis for subsequent deliberations at the Review Conference in Istanbul.

During the Review Conference in Istanbul, there will be one working session on the economic dimension, one working session on OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments and two working sessions on the human dimension. The work programme for the Review Conference in Istanbul will be established on the basis of the deliberations taking place during the Review Conference in Vienna.

14. The Chair of the Committee of the Whole of the Preparatory Meeting will be a representative of Turkey.

15. The Review Conference in Vienna will be opened on 20 September 1999 at 10 a.m. and closed on 1 October 1999. The Review Conference in Istanbul will be opened on 8 November at 10 a.m. and closed on 10 November 1999.

16. The Preparatory Meeting will be opened in Istanbul on 11 November 1999 at 10 a.m. It will be closed on 17 November 1999.

Meeting Schedule

REVIEW CONFERENCE

1. Vienna

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

Week 1	Monday 20 September	Tuesday 21 September	Wednesday 22 September	Thursday 23 September	Friday 24 September
Morning	Opening Plenary	HD 1 ED 1	HD 3 ED 3	NGO	HD 6 AISI 1
Afternoon	Plenary	HD 2 ED 2	HD 4 ED 4	HD 5 -	HD 7 -

Week 2	Monday 27 September	Tuesday 28 September	Wednesday 29 September	Thursday 30 September	Friday 1 October
Morning	HD 8 PMS 1	HD 10 PMS 3	HD 12 AISI 2	NGO	Plenary
Afternoon	HD 9 PMS 2	HD 11 PMS 4	AISI 3 -	AISI 4 -	Plenary

2. Istanbul

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

Week 3	Monday 8 November	Tuesday 9 November	Wednesday 10 November
Morning	Plenary	HD 13	ED 5
Afternoon	AISI 5	HD 14	Closing Plenary

HD	Human Dimension	14 sessions
ED	Economic Dimension	5 sessions
PMS	Politico-military aspects of security	4 sessions
AISI	OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments	5 sessions

PREPARATORY MEETING IN ISTANBUL

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

	Thursday 11 November	Friday 12 November	Monday 15 November	Tuesday 16 November	Wednesday 17 November
Morning	COW	DS	DS	DS	DS
Afternoon	DS	DS	DS	DS	COW

COW Committee of the Whole

DS Drafting session on the Istanbul Summit Document

Concerning Section II, paragraph 6:

Representatives of NGOs are invited to make written presentations through the OSCE Secretariat in close co-operation with the ODIHR, on the basis of which they may address specific questions orally as appropriate. NGOs will have equal access to the list of speakers to allow them to make their contributions under each agenda item addressed by the meeting as specified below. Contributions should not exceed five minutes each.

All NGOs wishing to attend the working sessions of the Review Conference dealing with the human and the economic dimension and the part of OSCE activities, institutions, structures and instruments dealing with lessons learnt from field activities will be admitted subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Helsinki Document 1992. Prior to the meetings, the OSCE Secretary General, in consultation with the ODIHR, will distribute to all participating States a list of the NGOs intending to participate. The Secretary General, in close co-operation with the ODIHR, will keep participating States regularly informed of additional NGOs wishing to attend the working sessions and plenary meetings. Should questions arise concerning the application of Chapter IV, paragraph 16 of the Helsinki Document 1992, the Secretary General, assisted by the ODIHR, will undertake consultations to ensure that any decision on the matter is in conformity with the said provisions and is based on the views of the interested participating States.