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Vienna, 23–25 June 2020

**Building Stability through Dialogue**

**Agenda**

**Tuesday, 23 June 2020**

1.30 - 3.00 **Opening Session**  
p.m.

The OSCE was founded to ensure dialogue and to build security and stability among its participating States. 45 years after the adoption of the Helsinki Final Act and as the organization is facing multiple challenges, the commitment of participating States to the shared values and principles of co-operative security remains vital to build trust and foster lasting peace and security.

The opening session will allow conference participants to exchange views on key security issues and the OSCE's contribution in addressing related challenges. Specific attention will be given to the contribution of the OSCE in working towards peace and security and making a difference for people on the ground. The opening will also provide an important impulse to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on the security and stability in the OSCE area and identify joint responses to some of the unprecedented challenges caused by the pandemic.

Keynote speakers:

- **H.E. Edi Rama**, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Prime Minister and Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania
- **Amb. Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General

Moderator: **Amb. Igli Hasani**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council and Permanent Representative of Albania to the International Organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: **Florian Pema**, Permanent Mission of Albania to the International Organizations in Vienna

3.30 - 5.30 p.m. **Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine**

The developments with respect to Ukraine have jeopardized the OSCE's agreed principles and commitments and are one of the most pressing challenges to security and stability in Europe today. The OSCE continues to play a vital role in the efforts to achieve progress with regard to a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

The session will look into the developments on the ground, the discussions within the framework of Normandy 4 at the end of 2019 as well as the discussions in the TCG and its working groups. What are the means and capabilities of the OSCE, together with other international actors, to support the implementation of the Minsk Agreements?

Special attention will be given to the normalization and stabilization efforts, including towards achieving full and comprehensive ceasefire, which will be instrumental in making difference on the ground.

The session will also aim at looking into the wider impact of the crisis in and around Ukraine on the security in Europe.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Heidi Grau**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group
- **Amb. Yaşar Halit Çevik**, Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine
- Speaker from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (tbc)
- **Osnat Lubrani**, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine
- **Florence Gillette**, Head of Delegation for Ukraine, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Moderator: **Amb. Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General

Rapporteur: **Elif Çalışkan**, Permanent Mission of Albania to the International Organizations in Vienna

**Wednesday, 24 June 2020**

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon **Working session I: Transnational threats - current and future trends in the OSCE area and beyond**

In today's globalized world, the need for co-operation among OSCE participating States in identifying, preventing and countering transnational threats has grown significantly. From transnational organized crime, terrorism, trafficking in human beings, and other forms of illicit trafficking such as drugs and weapons, to cyber threats, the growing challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century are transcending national borders.

Over the last years, the OSCE has become a key platform to galvanize coordinated actions of its participating States and mobilize assistance to governments and communities in addressing such transnational threats. Across the spectrum, transnational organized crime has become one of the key challenges to the stability of states and regions, often providing the breeding ground for threats posed by different and numerous criminal activities.

The session will take a holistic approach in addressing the drivers, manifestations and effects of transnational organized crime by looking at the need to strengthen law enforcement and prosecutorial capacities, and promote good governance and sustainable approaches to address organized crime across borders while upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms. The session will focus on identifying opportunities to enhance more comprehensive responses to the threats posed by organized crime based on effective partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society. The discussion will also provide an opportunity to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on organized crime activities across the OSCE area.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Vladimir E. Tarabrin**, Director of the Department on New Challenges and Threats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- **Paul Vaky**, Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe/Near East, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training
- **Elida Kaçkini**, Prosecutor at the Special Structure Against Corruption and Organized Crime, Albania

Intervention of **Ambassador Alena Kupchyna**, OSCE Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, on the main current priorities and responses in addressing transnational organized crime

Moderator: **Amb. Neil Bush**, Head of the United Kingdom Delegation to the OSCE and Chair of the Security Committee

Rapporteur: **Jonathon Lee**, Delegation of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

12 noon Lunch break

1.30 - 3.00 p.m. **Working session II: Conflict and crisis situations in the OSCE area: building security and confidence**

Since its early stages, the OSCE has dealt with conflicts and crises in Europe. They are characterized by unique aspects and still remain a significant challenge for the Organization and its participating States nowadays.

Back in 1992, several meetings on Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, including the Preparatory Meeting of the Conference on Nagorno-Karabakh under the auspices of the CSCE, were convened. Today the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group spearhead the OSCE's efforts towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Long-term international engagement has also been crucial in other contexts: the OSCE continues to support the resolution of the conflict in Georgia (Geneva International Discussions), where forced internal displacement remains one of the major challenges.

Developments concerning the Transdniestrian Settlement Process have demonstrated that agreements can be reached and implemented, under active OSCE involvement, when there are shared interests and benefits.

Against this backdrop, this session will provide an opportunity to reflect on conflict-related security aspects, the essence of building trust as well as which measures can be pursued to address the serious humanitarian effects of existing conflicts. Special attention will be paid to the implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments and the OSCE's role through its comprehensive approach to security, in particular through more substantial support to the established conflict settlement mechanisms.

Keynote speakers:

- **Krystyna Marty**, State Secretary, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- **Amb. Rudolf Michalka**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus
- **Amb. Thomas Mayr-Harting**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process

Moderator: **Amb. Päivi Laivola de Rosière**, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Michal Vančo**, Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE

### 3.30 - 5.00 p.m. **Special session: The Structured Dialogue**

Proposals to promote Transparency and mitigate Threat Perceptions during the COVID-19 crisis: Building on the discussions at the 10th meeting of the Informal Working Group Structured Dialogue on 4-5 June 2020, this Special Session will focus on proposals to promote transparency and mitigate threat perceptions during the COVID-19 crisis.

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, many military activities have been scaled down or terminated. At the same time, verification activities have come to a standstill, and other possibilities for military dialogue and contacts have significantly diminished. Coupled with the increased vulnerability of States affected by the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, reduced military contacts and transparency may feed threat perceptions and further undermine trust.

Measures of transparency, risk reduction and incident prevention (TRRIP) are vital to maintain stability and predictability. Technology has contributed to mitigate threat perceptions and ensure the implementation of existing commitments during

the COVID-19 crisis. For example, the Global Exchange of Military Information was conducted, for the first time, exclusively electronically, and all aspects of the GEMI exchange were still implemented, including the Automated Data Workshop and data validation that would be executed by the CPC Communications Network. The Communications Network has also been fully operational at all times during the crisis to enable the transmission of time sensitive notifications. The FSC has scheduled its regular meetings online. The session will address the following questions:

- How can technology be leveraged to promote transparency and mitigate threat perceptions during the COVID19 crisis?
- What additional proposals should be considered to promote transparency and mitigate threat perceptions amongst participating States?

Moderator: **Amb. Luis Cuesta**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Spain to the OSCE and Chairperson of the IWG Structured Dialogue

Rapporteur: **Nicolas Cimarra Etchenique**, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Spain to the OSCE

#### **Thursday, 25 June 2020**

10.00 a.m. **Working session III: Conventional arms control and confidence and security**  
- 12 noon **building measures: challenges and opportunities**

Conventional arms control and CSBMs have crucially contributed to the Post-Cold War European security order. However, the existing mechanisms need to be reinvigorated and fully implemented to restore trust and confidence among participating States and reverse the erosion of the European security architecture. Increasing transparency and predictability through the enhancement of CAC and CSBMs is essential to ensure comprehensive and co-operative security throughout the OSCE area. The session will focus on challenges as well as opportunities for reinvigorating CAC and CSBMs in Europe, including by updating and modernizing existing mechanisms, such as the Vienna Document.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Susanne Baumann**, Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office
- **Sari Rautio**, Director of the Unit for Security Policy and Crisis Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

Moderator: **Amb. Yevhenii Tsymbaliuk**, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Eurico Matos**, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the OSCE

12 noon Lunch break

1.30 - 3.30 p.m. **Working session IV: The OSCE's role in early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution, and post conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and the way ahead**

In line with Vilnius Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/11 on 'Elements of the Conflict Cycle', there is the constant need to enhance the OSCE's capacities to address all phases of the conflict cycle in an effective manner through a comprehensive toolbox. This session will highlight lessons learned and good practices to early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management, post-conflict rehabilitation and peace building. Special attention will be given to current developments in making use of the OSCE's toolbox in a dynamically changing international landscape. The session provides an opportunity to discuss ways of enhancing multilateral co-operation, for example, by strengthening synergies between the OSCE and other international organizations in the area of conflict prevention, crisis management and conflict resolution.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Annika Söder**, Chair of the European Institute of Peace (EIP) and Member of the Swedish Women's Mediation Network
- **Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini**, Director of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security, London School of Economics and Political Science
- **Amb. Jan Braathu**, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo

Moderator: **Amb. Tuula Yrjölä**, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)

Rapporteur: **Nicolina Nilsson**, Permanent Delegation of Sweden to the OSCE

3.30 - 4.00 p.m. **Closing session**

- **Amb. Igli Hasani**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council and Permanent Representative of Albania to the International Organizations in Vienna