

112th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 163**AGENDA OF THE OSCE SEMINARS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
COMMON AND COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY MODEL FOR
EUROPE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY****“SPECIFIC RISKS AND CHALLENGES” AND
“REGIONAL SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION”**

In accordance with Permanent Council Decision No. 159 of 20 March 1997, a seminar on “Specific Risks and Challenges” will be held from 5 to 7 May 1997 and a seminar on “Regional Security and Co-operation” will be held from 2 to 4 June 1997.

I. AGENDAS FOR THE SEMINARS**Seminar on Specific Risks and Challenges, 5-7 May 1997 in the Hofburg, Vienna**

1. Opening
2. Specific Risks and Challenges - keynote speeches
3. Discussion by the Working Groups
 - (a) Terrorism
 - (b) Organized crime
 - (c) Drug trafficking
4. Reports of the Working Groups
5. Plenary debate on conclusions to be contributed to the ongoing work on the Security Model
6. Chairman’s Summary based on rapporteurs’ reports
7. Closure

Seminar on Regional Security and Co-operation, 2-4 June 1997 in the Hofburg, Vienna

1. Opening

2. Regional Security and Co-operation - keynote speeches
3. Discussion by the Working Groups
 - (a) Institutional framework
 - (b) Measures in support of regional security and co-operation
 - (c) Case studies and lessons learned
4. Reports of the Working Groups
5. Plenary debate on conclusions to be contributed to the ongoing work on the Security Model
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II. PREPARATION

1. Rapporteurs and moderators will be nominated for the Working Groups on each sub-topic. Rapporteurs will collaborate closely with the Chairman-in-Office in defining the themes and sub-items for Working Groups, contacting keynote speakers, obtaining written contributions from relevant organizations and experts. The rapporteurs will prepare reports on each of the respective sub-items. Moderators will be tasked with chairing the individual Working Groups. Moderators are welcome to take part in the preparation of the Seminars.
2. A representative of the Chairman-in-Office will chair the opening and closing plenary meetings.

III. MODALITIES OF THE SEMINARS

1. The reading of comprehensive statements will be discouraged by the chairpersons (moderators). Prepared statements should be distributed in written form in advance or during the Seminar.
2. The opening plenary will begin with a short address by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office and announcement of the chairpersons (moderators) and rapporteurs of the Working Groups. It will continue with one or more short introductory keynote speeches addressing the general theme of the Seminar.
3. The sessions of the Working Groups that follow will begin with one or more short introductory keynote presentations of sub-items to be discussed. The subsequent debates will be structured by the chairpersons (moderators) of the Working Groups.
4. The closing plenary on the last day of the Seminar will begin with an outline by the moderator of the main findings of the Working Groups based on the reports of the rapporteurs and in close co-operation with the rapporteur. Following these outlines, there will be a plenary debate where delegations can comment on the topics.

5. The Chairman's Summary will be a non-negotiated paper reflecting the discussions during the Seminar based on the rapporteurs' reports.

IV. PARTICIPATION

1. The Mediterranean partners for co-operation will be invited to the Seminars. They will be invited to make their contributions to the Seminars in plenary and in the appropriate sessions of the Working Groups, 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 as well as co-operation and closer links with the OSCE as set out in these documents.

Japan will be invited to make its contributions in plenary as well as in the appropriate sessions of the Working Groups, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992.

The Republic of Korea will be invited to observe proceedings in the plenary as well as in the appropriate sessions of the Working Groups of the Seminars and to make its contribution in plenary.

2. OSCE participating States are encouraged to include relevant experts, including NGO representatives, in their delegations. The Chairman-in-Office will, in close consultation with the rapporteurs, identify competent specialized international organizations and experts who will be invited to attend and contribute to the Seminars.

V. OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

1. Relevant activities and documents of the Forum for Security Co-operation will be taken into account in the Seminars.

2. There will be simultaneous interpretation at the opening and closing plenaries into the six official OSCE languages. In the Working Groups there will be no interpretation. The working language will be English.

WORK PROGRAMME

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

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Morning	PL (Items 1 and 2)	WG I (Item 3(a)) WG II (Item 3(b)) WG III (Item 3(c))	PL (Items 4, 5, 6, 7)
Afternoon	WG I (Item 3(a)) WG II (Item 3(b)) WG III (Item 3(c))	WG I (Item 3(a)) WG II (Item 3(b)) WG III (Item 3(c))	

PL = Plenary Meeting
WG = Working Group

Chairman's Statement

1. With reference to the Decision just adopted on modalities for the participation of the partners for co-operation and the Mediterranean partners for co-operation in the Seminars to be held within the framework of the Common and Comprehensive Security Model for Europe for the twenty-first century, the Chairman-in-Office wishes to recall here the exceptional nature of the modalities adopted with regard to participation and stresses that the modalities in question should not be seen as constituting a precedent.

2. The Chairman-in-Office will, as a matter of priority, engage in consultations with a view to finding a comprehensive solution to the question of participation by the partners for co-operation, the Mediterranean partners for co-operation and other non-participating States in the overall framework of OSCE institutions and activities.

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of Malta:

“My delegation is grateful for the flexibility shown by colleagues, which has enabled an acceptable solution to be found to the modalities for the two Security Model Seminars. My delegation is also grateful to the chair for committing itself to engage in consultations with a view to finding a comprehensive solution to the participation of our partners for co-operation.

I feel obliged, however, to make the position of my delegation clear, especially in view of the fact that the provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992 have been cited.

Both the Mediterranean partners for co-operation and Japan derive their respective rights of participation from the provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992.

The participation of Japan is clearly defined in paragraph 10 of Chapter IV. The ‘representatives of Japan may contribute’ to ‘CSCE meetings ... including those of Heads of State and Government, the CSCE Council, the Committee of Senior Officials and other appropriate CSCE bodies which consider specific topics of expanded consultation and co-operation’. The Helsinki Document 1992 is silent on Japan’s participation in activities such as seminars.

The participation of the Mediterranean partners for co-operation is governed by paragraph 7 of Chapter IV of the Helsinki Document 1992, which provides that ‘the non-participating Mediterranean States will continue to be invited to contribute to CSCE activities’. This is mandatory language - note the word ‘will’ in paragraph 7. Chapter IV of the Helsinki Document 1992 makes a distinction between the word ‘meetings’ in paragraphs 10 and 11 and the word ‘activities’ in paragraph 7. The ‘meetings’ envisaged are clearly indicated in paragraph 10, leaving the word ‘activities’ to cover all other activities, including seminars.

Paragraph 7 of the Helsinki 1992 Summit Document therefore requires us to invite the Mediterranean partners for co-operation to contribute to our seminars. The word ‘contribute’ is not restricted in any way. If the Helsinki Summit Document had intended to encompass contributions in other forms - such as written presentations - it would have said so, as it did in the seventh sub-item of paragraph 15 of the same Chapter concerning NGOs.

In view of the mandatory language of the Helsinki Document 1992, to the effect that the ‘non-participating Mediterranean States will continue to be invited to contribute to CSCE activities’, inviting the Mediterranean partners for co-operation to attend and contribute to the discussions at the Seminar is not a concession but an obligation in terms of that Document.

I respectfully request that this statement be annexed to the Journal of the day.”

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of the United States of America:

“We disagree with the implications reflected in the Maltese interpretative statement. Malta’s interpretation of the provisions of Helsinki Document 1992 is tendentious and does not take account of subsequent agreements. Japan, which is permitted by the CSCE Permanent Committee decision of 21 December 1993 to attend and contribute to these plenary meetings, is entitled to attend and contribute to seminars as well - and entitled to do so without further action or discussion. The decision of the Permanent Committee establishes for Japan’s participation a status that differs from that of the other partners for co-operation.”