

360th Plenary Meeting

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**BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENHANCING
SECURITY AND STABILITY IN CENTRAL ASIA: STRENGTHENING
COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS TO COUNTER TERRORISM**

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the proposal of Kyrgyzstan to host this conference,

Recalling Article 4 of the 1999 Charter for European Security, in which the participating States reiterated their determination to co-operate more actively and closely with each other to meet the challenges of international terrorism, violent extremism, organized crime and drug trafficking,

Recalling Article 14 of the 1999 Istanbul Summit Declaration, which addressed the concerns of the OSCE participating States in Central Asia “regarding international terrorism, violent extremism, organized crime and drug and arms trafficking”,

Following up the International Conference on Enhancing Security and Stability in Central Asia: An Integrated Approach to Counter Drugs, Organized Crime and Terrorism, held on 19 and 20 October 2000 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan,

Taking into account the document “Priorities for Co-operation to Counter Drugs, Organized Crime and Terrorism in Central Asia”, endorsed by the five participating States of Central Asia at the above-mentioned international conference,

Welcoming, in the spirit of the Platform for Co-operative Security, the willingness of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention to support, together with the OSCE, the conduct of this conference,

Mindful of the work currently under way in the OSCE informal open-ended Working Group on Combating Terrorism,

And following up Permanent Council Decision No. 438 of 13 September 2001,

* Incorporates amendments to the text of the decision.

Decides:

- To support the Kyrgyz Government in holding the Bishkek International Conference on Enhancing Security and Stability in Central Asia: Strengthening Comprehensive Efforts to Counter Terrorism in Bishkek on 13 and 14 December 2001, according to the tentative agenda and organizational modalities provided for in the annex;
- To convene on 5 November 2001 in Vienna a Reinforced Preparatory Meeting for this conference open to all OSCE participating States and relevant international organizations. The purpose of this Reinforced Preparatory Meeting would be to develop and refine the format and the agenda of the conference provided for in the annex. At the same time key elements of possible results (Conference Declaration, programme of action) of the Conference can also be explored.

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENHANCING
SECURITY AND STABILITY IN CENTRAL ASIA:
STRENGTHENING COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS
TO COUNTER TERRORISM**

I. Agenda

Thursday, 13 December 2001

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| 8.30 a.m. | Registration of participants |
| 9 a.m. | Opening of the Conference
Welcoming remarks by the host country, OSCE, United Nations
Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) |
| 9.30 a.m. | Session 1: Experiences and practices

Regional overview of developments since October 2000:
Presentations by the heads of delegations of the Central Asian
participating States |
| Coffee break |

Presentation on experiences in other OSCE participating States

Discussion |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 2 p.m. | Session 2: Strengthening bilateral and regional efforts to counter
terrorism

Presentations on multilateral and bilateral efforts to counter
terrorism

Discussion |
| Coffee break | |

- 4 p.m. Session 3: Enhancing preventive measures in a comprehensive way
- Keynote address: “Strengthening Protection Based on Democratic Institutions, the Rule-of-Law State and Respect for Human Rights”
- Presentations on preventive measures
- Discussion
- 7 p.m. Reception hosted by the Government of Kyrgyzstan

Friday, 14 December 2001

- 9 a.m. Session 3: Enhancing preventive measures in a comprehensive way (continued)
- Keynote address: “Enhancing Preventive Measures: Strategies and Institutions”
- Presentations on preventive measures
- Discussion
- Coffee break
- 11.30 a.m. Session 4: Social and economic aspects
- Keynote address: “Poverty and Social Exclusion”
- Presentations on socio-economic aspects of terrorism
- Discussion
- Lunch break
- 2.30 p.m. Session 5: Identification of gaps and needs: Priorities for co-operation to counter terrorism
- Possible presentation of a draft final Conference document
- Brief remarks by the delegations of the Central Asian participating States
- Brief statements by the OSCE and ODCCP
- Possible endorsement of the final Conference documents

Brief statements by delegations and participants

Coffee break

5 p.m.

Closing session

Closing remark by representatives of the ODCCP, the OSCE and the Government of Kyrgyzstan

6 p.m.

Closure of the official Conference

Evening

Informal working meeting at the expert level

II. Organizational Modalities

Participation

Representatives of the OSCE participating States on the senior expert level from relevant ministries and agencies specialized in counterterrorism.

Representatives of the Partners for Co-operation (Japan, Korea, Thailand)

Representatives of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia)

The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to participate in the conference: Asian Development Bank, Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Central European Initiative, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Commonwealth of Independent States Secretariat (CIS), CIS Anti-Terrorist Center, Council of Europe, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Economic Co-operation Organization, European Commission, Europol, Secretariat of the Collective Security Treaty and Headquarters of the Collective Rapid Deployment Forces, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, Interpol, Non-Aligned Movement, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Islamic Conference, South-East European Co-operation Process, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, World Bank, United Nations (family), including, *inter alia*, United Nations Development Programme, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, United Nations Secretariat (Department of Political Affairs, Department of Humanitarian Affairs)

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute in accordance with relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance notification required).

Other States and organizations may be invited by the host country.

Other organizational modalities

The Conference will be conducted in five sessions, in addition to opening and closing sessions, on 13 and 14 December.

The opening of and closing session of the conference will be co-chaired by a representative of the host country and by a representative of the OSCE and the ODCCP.

Each session (nos. 1 to 5) will have a chairperson and a rapporteur. The final document and the reports of the rapporteurs will be forwarded to the OSCE Permanent Council.

There is the wish of some Central Asian participating States to discuss in the margins of the conference possibilities for bilateral co-operation in the area of military expert and technical assistance.

Other rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening and the closing session will be open to the media. A press conference will be held after the Conference.

Venue: Bishkek

Working languages: English and Russian (simultaneous interpretation).

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Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION BY THE PERMANENT
COUNCIL OF THE DECISION ON THE BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON ENHANCING SECURITY AND STABILITY IN
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By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“In joining the consensus with regard to the parameters of the international anti-terrorist conference in Bishkek, the Russian Federation assumes that the discussions there will cover a broad spectrum of questions relating to the issue of countering terrorism taking into account the situation in the entire OSCE area and not just in the Central Asian region.

The fight against international terrorism has no regional borders and affects the security interests of all members of the international community. Russia proposes that the conference be prepared and conducted primarily from the broader perspective of the need to define the role and place of the OSCE in the global system that is developing to counter terrorism and other new threats and challenges to international and European security. Such an emphasis during the consultations will help us on the path to the OSCE Ministerial Council Meeting in Bucharest, one of the central subjects of which must be the adoption of a concept and a plan of action for the OSCE in the struggle against international terrorism.

In the programme of work for the conference in Bishkek, as at present drafted, it is proposed that attention be mainly focussed on the socio-economic aspect of the situation in the countries of Central Asia, including the observance of human rights. It would be preferable to place the emphasis on devising practical measures to combat terrorism.

The Russian Federation reserves the right to raise at the Bishkek Conference the broadest range of problems with regard to improving the co-ordination of international efforts to counter terrorism, cut off its financing and block the arms supply channels of terrorists and transport routes of fighters, and strengthening the interaction of OSCE participating States in that connection.

We request that this statement be attached to the records of this meeting of the Permanent Council.”