

735th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 862
TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

(Helsinki, 4 and 5 December 2008)

I. Timetable**Thursday, 4 December 2008**

- 10 a.m. **Opening session (open)**
- Formal opening and adoption of the agenda
 - Address by a representative of the host country
 - Address by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
 - Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 - Report by the OSCE Secretary General
- First plenary session (closed)**
- Statements by heads of delegations
- 12.40 p.m. Family photo
- 1 p.m. Working luncheon for the ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegations
- Separate lunch for members of delegations
- 3–6 p.m. **Second plenary session (closed)**
- Statements by heads of delegations

- 7.30 p.m. Reception for members of delegations and the press
- 8 p.m. Official dinner for ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegations

Friday, 5 December 2008

9.30 a.m. **Third plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations
- Adoption of Ministerial Council documents
- Any other business

Closing session (open)

- Address by a representative of the host country
- Formal closure (statements by the current and incoming Chairpersons-in-Office)

- 1.30 p.m. Press conference of the OSCE Troika ministers

II. Organizational modalities

1. The Sixteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be conducted in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure.
2. The Meeting will be held at the Helsinki Fair Centre. Delegations of the participating States will be provided with one seat at the table, four behind the table and additional seats in the plenary hall. The European Union (EU) will have one additional seat next to the participating State holding the EU Presidency. Seats will be reserved for invited organizations, institutions and countries.
3. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions:

The United Nations, the Council of Europe and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

These organizations will be invited to address the Meeting in the above order after the statements by the participating States and the Partners for Co-operation.
4. The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to attend the Meeting and, if they so wish, make written contributions:

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative; African Union; Asian Development Bank; Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); ASEAN Regional Forum; Barents Euro-Arctic Council;

Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; Council of the Baltic Sea States; Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Charter Secretariat; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Investment Bank; Europol; Financial Action Task Force; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Committee of the Red Cross; International Criminal Court; International Criminal Police Organization; International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; International Energy Agency; International Labour Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Organization for Migration; League of Arab States; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development — GUAM; Organisation internationale de la Francophonie; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Regional Co-operation Council; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; South-East European Cooperation Process; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Development Fund for Women; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; World Bank and the World Customs Organization.

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Activities in parallel to the Ministerial Council meeting

On 3 December 2008 the OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers for foreign affairs of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation will have a meeting at 6 p.m. The OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers for foreign affairs of the Asian Partners for Co-operation will have a meeting at 7 p.m.

The OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers of the OSCE participating States holding the OSCE Chairmanship from 2010 to 2011 — Kazakhstan and Lithuania — will have a meeting on 3 December 2008 at 8 p.m.

The organizational modalities foreseen for the Sixteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council will not apply to the parallel activities.