

ORGANISATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE JOINT OSCE/UNODC TECHNICAL EXPERTS CONFERENCE ON BORDER MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY

Vienna, 7 and 8 September 2004

Background

OSCE

By adopting at the Maastricht Ministerial Council in 2003 the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the 21st Century, the OSCE participating States agreed on strengthening the Organization's capacities to promote open and secure borders, *inter alia*, through the elaboration of an OSCE Border Security Management Concept, as well as through expanding its relations with all organizations and institutions that are concerned with the promotion of comprehensive security within the OSCE area. In particular, paragraph 53 of the Strategy document states that: "*Our co-operation with other organizations and institutions currently encompasses political dialogue, co-ordination, and structured co-operation on thematic and regional issues across the OSCE region, based on common values and objectives. It is important to intensify interaction at both the political and working levels. Co-operation and co-ordination on practical matters and projects should be strengthened, both at headquarters and in the field. Contact between envoys and special representatives should be encouraged, as should the development of shared strategies and joint fact-finding*".

In addition, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, in his opening speech to the Permanent Council on 15 January 2004, called for a joint UN/OSCE Conference on Borders, in which he foresaw the conference dealing with, *inter alia*, illicit trafficking of all types.

UNODC

In working to assist States attain the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, *inter alia* to strengthen respect for the rule of law, take concerted efforts against terrorism, counter the world drug problem and fight trans-national organised crime in all its dimensions, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is directly engaged with all Governments. Two United Nations Conventions, Against the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988) and Against Trans-national Organised Crime (2000) lend immediate and substantial assistance to this process. The Millennium Declaration restates the United Nations' commitment to work with regional institutions in the attainment of these goals, and the resolve needed to act in co-operation and in concert. Many UNODC programmes are closely linked to strengthening the procedure and good practices of border management. This Conference is a practical exercise in partnership, bringing together key technical assistance agencies to focus on best practice, co-operation and co-ordination.

Organisation

The opening session of the Conference will be addressed by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office, the OSCE Secretary General and the UNODC.

The Conference will be co-chaired by the Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and the Chief of the Partnership in Development Branch of UNODC.

The closing session will be followed by a press conference. The OSCE Secretariat and the UNODC will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each of the sessions will have a designated co-ordinator and a rapporteur. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate the discussions, while the task of the rapporteurs will be to present a written report. Written reports will be distributed afterwards, co-ordinated by the co-chairs of the Conference.

Standard rules of procedure and working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis* at the Conference.

Interpretation into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided.

The OSCE Secretariat will distribute the written contributions received to participants prior to the conference. The information will include contributions from OSCE and UN institutions, as well as from other international organisations, as appropriate. Information that is available on the OSCE and UN websites will not be distributed.

Participation

Technical experts from international organisations with border issues related mandate will be invited.

Factual information on border related activities of the respective international organisations that is useful for the participants of the Conference should be provided to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre by 20 August 2004. This will make it unnecessary to bring it to the attention of participants during the Conference due to time constraints.

OSCE participating States are invited to be represented at technical expert level, by officials responsible for border management policy.

The Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation will be invited to attend.

The OSCE Secretariat will be responsible for invitations to international organisations, participating States and institutions. Replies will be requested by not later than 20 August 2004.

The press will be informed by the respective OSCE and UN Press and Public Information Sections (PPISs), as appropriate.

General guidelines for participants

The detailed work of the Conference will be conducted over two days in three sessions, each of which will concentrate on one topic, introduced by the keynote speakers, and followed by interactive discussion. During the sessions, participants are encouraged to share their experiences and to consider a number of relevant sub-topics as suggested in the detailed programme, where each of the sessions mentioned in the agenda has been assigned a number of such subjects for illustrative purposes. These lists are not exhaustive. To promote the effectiveness of border management co-operation, and to identify areas where international organisations might act in partnership in the field of border related activities, it is expected that the interfaces of border management security will be addressed in each of the groups, as will the question of promoting a more strategic and co-ordinated approach to delivering international assistance and identifying areas of good practice in this field.

In an effort to promote interactive discussion, interventions from the floor should not exceed three minutes.

Participants are invited to provide written statements in advance, and to highlight the potential parts in the discussion.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of keynote speakers should stimulate debate among participants by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations to enhance international co-operation within the field of border management and security.

The maximum available speaking time is ten minutes per keynote speaker, during which time the speaker should highlight the main points from his/her written presentation.

The contribution of a keynote speaker should set the scene for the discussion in the session.

The contributions of the keynote speakers should be focused on the subject and should be concrete.

Keynote speakers should dedicate part of their speech, and/or written contribution to the enhancement of international co-operation on border issues.

To enable participants to prepare themselves, keynote speakers should provide a written contribution to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre by 20 August 2004.

Guidelines for co-ordinators and rapporteurs

The co-ordinator chairs the session.

The co-ordinator should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations.

The co-ordinator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the working session, if appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion, and to reinforce the effectiveness of border management and security co-operation.

The rapporteur's report should address issues raised during the respective session, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Family Name: Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/>	
First Name:	
Name of the International Organisation and Department:	
Title and Position (as to appear on the list of participants):	
Street or Mail address:	Country:
Tel. No. with all prefixes:	Fax No. with all prefixes:
Mobile No. with all prefixes:	E-mail address:

I would like to register for participation in the above indicated Conference.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

The Registration Form should reach the OSCE Secretariat **not later than 20 August 2004** either by mail, fax or e-mail:

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