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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2018
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account its Decision No. 1290 on the dates of the 2018 Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides to organize the 2018 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2018 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 26–28 June 2018

Dialogue, ownership, responsibility to foster security in the OSCE area

Agenda

Tuesday, 26 June 2018

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| 9.30–10.30 a.m. | Opening session |
| 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in the light of developments with respect to Ukraine |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 2.30–4.30 p.m. | Working session I: Conflict and crisis situations in the OSCE area: building security and confidence |
| 6 p.m. | Reception |

Wednesday, 27 June 2018

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Special session: The Structured Dialogue |
| 12 noon | Lunch break |
| 2–3.30 p.m. | Working session II: Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and the way ahead |
| 3.30–5 p.m. | Working session III: Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: challenges and opportunities |

Thursday, 28 June 2018

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Working session IV: The OSCE and its neighbourhood: challenges and opportunities arising from migration |
| 12 noon | Lunch break |

- 2–4 p.m. Working session V: Transnational threats: current and future trends in the OSCE area and beyond
- 4–4.30 p.m. Closing session

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

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Background

The Tenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, at Porto, by adopting its Decision No. 3 dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing the security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, as well as an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

A representative of the Chairperson-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each working session will have a moderator and a rapporteur, as will each special session. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will serve as co-ordinator for the preparation of the working sessions.

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will contribute to the Conference in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences. In particular, the third working session will be chaired by the Chairperson of the FSC.

The ASRC will be subject to the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE. The guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, special, working and closing sessions.

The OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office (Italy) will prepare the work of this year's ASRC, in close co-ordination with the FSC Chairperson and the OSCE Secretariat.

Following the Conference, the Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report of the Conference's proceedings.

The Communication and Media Relations Section (COMMS) will inform the press, as appropriate, and will work in close co-ordination with the Chairmanship.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials from capitals who are responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the CPC. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are also invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference. Heads of field operations or other high-ranking OSCE officials may also be invited to serve as keynote speakers or moderators.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

Consideration will be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing and NGOs to send keynote speakers or moderators, or to be represented as members of national delegations.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in nine sessions. The opening session is intended to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions during the special and working sessions. The opening session will include welcoming remarks by the Chairmanship-in-Office. The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guests to address the Conference.

Each working session and the special sessions will focus on a specific subject, introduced by keynote speakers, whose addresses will be followed by a discussion of relevant topics in accordance with the agenda.

The aim is interactive and free-flowing discussion.

In order to further enhance the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that each of the sessions will also address aspects of co-operation with international and regional organizations.

To encourage interactive discussion, interventions by delegations at the opening, special and working sessions should be as concise as possible, not exceeding five minutes in length. Moderators will be asked to enforce these time limits strictly. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility of free-flowing discussion.

In accordance with the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference sent out by the OSCE Secretariat, participants should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC by 12 June 2018.

Participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions by 12 June 2018.

Written contributions should be submitted to Conference Services, which will then distribute them. Inputs to be circulated may also include, if appropriate, contributions by OSCE institutions and other international organizations.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

Keynote speakers should address the subject of their respective session, setting the scene for the subsequent discussion among delegations by raising appropriate thematic questions and suggesting potential recommendations for the work of the OSCE.

Presentations should be brief and concise and remain within the limit of 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session at which they are speaking, and should stand ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

Keynote speakers should provide a written contribution and their curriculum vitae to the CPC by 12 June 2018. Within their presentations, keynote speakers should touch upon the highlights (or core elements) of their written contribution.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

Moderators chairing the special and working sessions should facilitate and foster the debate among delegations. Moderators should facilitate the discussion by introducing items strictly related to the subject of the session they are chairing.

Following the Conference, the written reports provided by rapporteurs should address issues raised during the special and working sessions, covering suggestions elaborated during the sessions, and other relevant information. Personal views will not be accepted as part of the reports.

Moderators and rapporteurs should identify and summarize specific recommendations advanced during their respective session.

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International and regional organizations may participate in all special and working sessions. They are kindly invited to focus on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the relevant session.

International and regional organizations should provide the participants of the ASRC with factual and relevant information on their work by sending such information to Conference Services by 12 June 2018.