



364th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 13/02
AGENDA, MODALITIES AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE
THIRD FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT
ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

Vienna, 23 and 24 September 2002

1. Context

According to Decision No. 3 of 2002 of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) the Third Follow-Up Conference on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security will be held on 23 and 24 September 2002 in Vienna.

The Code of Conduct, adopted in 1994 as Decision No. IV of the Budapest Summit, constitutes one of the key norm-and-standard-setting documents of the OSCE in the field of politico-military security. With its comprehensive character and integrated structure which embodies norms and principles directed to, *inter alia*, promoting responsible and co-operative behaviour in the field of security, the Code of Conduct continues to make a significant contribution to stability and security throughout the OSCE area.

The regular information exchange initiated among participating States by the FSC Decision No. 4 of 1998 constitutes an important operational element contributing to the effective implementation of the Code of Conduct. By its Decision No. 7 of 2002 the FSC decided to request the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) to prepare an overview of the information exchanged in response to the Code of Conduct Questionnaire. The Overview will be made available to the participating States two weeks before the Third Follow-Up Conference.

On the other hand, the Bucharest Plan of Action on Combating Terrorism adopted in December 2001 put a special emphasis on the relevance of the Code of Conduct to the fight against terrorism. This was also confirmed in the FSC Road Map adopted in March 2002 for the implementation of the relevant tasks under the Bucharest Plan (FSC.DEC/5/02). Both the Bucharest Plan and the FSC Road Map refer to the Third Follow-Up Conference as a key event that could further enhance the application of the Code of Conduct in combating terrorism.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Conference are:

- To assess and review the implementation of the Code of Conduct in order to confirm its continuing importance in the OSCE area;
- To assess and review replies to the information exchange under the Code of Conduct Questionnaire;
- To explore practical suggestions to reinforce the effectiveness of the Code of Conduct and to improve its implementation;
- To examine the contribution of the Code of Conduct to combating terrorism.

3. Draft Agenda

Opening Plenary:

- Opening Address by the Chairperson of the Conference
- Statement by a Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
- Statement by the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)
- General Statements

Working Session I: Review of the Information Exchange and Assessment of Overall Implementation

- Presentation by the Representative of the CPC on the Overview of the information exchanged on 15 April 2002 in response to the Code of Conduct Questionnaire
- Discussion of the results of the information exchange and general assessment of the overall implementation of the Code of Conduct
- Recommendations on future work

Working Session II: Implementation of Specific Provisions

- Discussion on the implementation of the specific provisions of the Code of Conduct and their impact on the security situation in the OSCE region (Sections I-X, except Section II to be addressed separately)

- Discussion of specific implementation issues:
 - Democratic political control of military, paramilitary and internal security forces as well as of intelligence services and the police
 - Possible role and contributions of OSCE bodies and institutions regarding the implementation of the Code of Conduct
- Discussion of the role and potential of the Code of Conduct for conflict management in the OSCE area including the co-operation of military and security forces and civil support elements in internal security missions
- Recommendations on future work

Working Session III: Contribution of the Code of Conduct to Combating Terrorism

- Assessment of the contribution of the Code of Conduct to combating terrorism, also in the light of the results of the Expert Meeting on Combating Terrorism Within the Politico-Military Dimension of the OSCE, held in Vienna on 14 and 15 May 2002
- Review of the relevance the Code of Conduct Questionnaire Question 1 and of the corresponding national returns
- Discussion on possible ways to further the contribution of the Code of Conduct to the fight against terrorism
- Recommendations on future work

Closing Plenary:

- Reports by the Rapporteurs
- Final discussion
- Closing statement by the Chairperson, including a preliminary summary of conclusions and recommendations

4. Modalities

The Conference will be held in Vienna on 23 and 24 September 2002. The working hours of the Conference will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Conference will be organized in opening and closing plenaries as well as in three working sessions. There will be no formal statements in the working sessions.

The Chair of the Conference will be held by the Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation. The Chairperson will be assisted by Moderators and Rapporteurs during the working sessions.

Participating States are invited to nominate volunteers for the function of Moderator and Rapporteur and to submit the names of candidates as well as the preferred sessions to the Chairperson not later than 10 September 2002.

OSCE participating States are encouraged to include relevant experts from capitals in their delegations.

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in the Conference under existing modalities.

Tentative timetable:

	Monday, 23 September 2002	Tuesday, 24 September 2002
Morning (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)	Opening Plenary/ Working Session I	Working Sessions II/III
Afternoon (3 - 6 p.m.)	Working Sessions I/II	Working Session III/ Closing Plenary