



521st Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 10/07
SPECIAL FSC MEETING ON EXISTING AND FUTURE
ARMS CONTROL AND CONFIDENCE- AND SECURITY-BUILDING
MEASURES IN THE OSCE AREA**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling the key role of the FSC in the field of arms control and confidence- and security-building, in particular FSC Decision No. 8/96 (A Framework for Arms Control) and FSC Decision No. 9/96 (Development of the Agenda of the Forum for Security Co-operation),

Drawing attention to the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century, in particular to the requirement for a double-track response in line with paragraph 28 of the Charter for European Security to face a number of threats in the politico-military dimension that are either new or have changed in nature or impact,

Taking note of the consolidated summary of the OSCE high-level Military Doctrine Seminar held in Vienna in February 2006 under the provisions of the Vienna Document 1999,

Reaffirming that full implementation and, when required, further development of arms control agreements and CSBMs are key contributions to political and military stability in the OSCE area,

Determined to play its role to strengthen security and stability within the OSCE community of States, as laid down in Chapter V of the Helsinki Summit Declaration of 10 July 1992,

Decides to hold a special FSC meeting on “Existing and future arms control and confidence- and security-building measures in the OSCE area” on Wednesday, 24 October 2007, in accordance with the programme, indicative timetable and organizational modalities annexed to this decision.

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Vienna, 24 October 2007

I. Programme and indicative timetable

Wednesday, 24 October 2007

- 10–11.10 a.m. Opening session:
- Opening statement by the FSC Chairperson;
 - Opening address by the Chairperson of the Permanent Council;
 - Opening address by the OSCE Secretary General;
 - Keynote speech: Parameters for future security co-operation taking into account the existing arms control obligations and commitments in the OSCE area.
- 11.10–11.30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session I: Current state of arms control arrangements and CSBMs in the OSCE area
- Introductory address by the working session moderator;
 - Discussion/assessment of the current state of conventional arms control arrangements in the OSCE area:
 - Achievements and outstanding issues;
 - The changing security environment including new threats and challenges.
- 1–1.45 p.m. Buffet lunch
- 2–3 p.m. Side event: Presentations by up to three research institutes on the future of arms control arrangements in a changing world, and discussion
- 3–4.45 p.m. Working session II: Possible response by the OSCE with regard to arms control arrangements and CSBMs to meet new challenges and security concerns
- Introductory address by the working session moderator;

- Discussion on providing security for OSCE participating States in the years to come.
- 4.45–5.10 p.m. Coffee break
- 5.10–6 p.m. Closing session:
- Brief reports by working session rapporteurs;
 - Discussion;
 - Chairperson’s closing remarks.

II. Organizational modalities

Background

The special FSC meeting on “Existing and future arms control and confidence- and security-building measures in the OSCE area” shall assess the impact of existing arms control arrangements and established CSBMs on the current security situation. It shall also assess the contribution such arrangements can make in meeting new challenges and security concerns of OSCE participating States.

Organization

The FSC Chairmanship will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the special meeting.

Each working session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. Rapporteurs will assist the moderator in the preparation of their respective working session. They will provide a brief oral report at the closing session and a written summary report, which will become a part of the Chairperson’s report.

Each working session will be introduced by the moderator in line with a point-paper to be distributed prior to the special meeting. The introduction at the working session shall be brief to allow maximum time for discussion and shall therefore only highlight the most important elements of the point-paper to provide information and set the scene for the discussion.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

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

The FSC Chairperson will provide a report on the FSC special meeting not later than 7 November 2007.

The OSCE Secretariat will assist the FSC Chairperson in all matters concerning the organizational modalities of the meeting.

Participation

Participating States are encouraged to have themselves represented by leading governmental experts in the field of arms control and CSBMs.

The OSCE Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the FSC special meeting will be conducted in four sessions. Optional presentations by security studies institutes on the topic of the special meeting will be provided during the break.

The opening session is intended to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions at the working sessions. The opening session will include remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC, the Chairperson of the Permanent Council and the OSCE Secretary General.

The first working session will allow for stocktaking on the current state of conventional arms control arrangements in the OSCE area in the light of the changing security environment including new threats and challenges. This session shall take into account the consolidated summary of the OSCE high-level Military Doctrine Seminar held in February 2006 and the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century.

The second working session will focus on developing “food for thought”, which may lead to a possible updating of the FSC’s agenda and to enhancing its contribution to security in the OSCE area. It shall provide the participating States the possibility to recognize ways forward on providing security in the years to come.

To promote interactive and free-flowing discussions, delegations are requested not to provide formal statements. Additional background information may be provided in written form prior to the special meeting. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes.

Guidelines for the keynote speaker

The contributions of the keynote speaker should provide information and should set the scene for discussion at the working sessions as well as for a focused exchange of views among participants. The keynote speaker shall raise appropriate questions based on OSCE realities and should concentrate on the highlights of the written statement to be distributed prior to the meeting. The time limit for the presentation is 30 minutes. The keynote speaker should be present during the entire special meeting and should be ready to engage in debate following the presentation.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator shall chair the working session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by distributing thoughts on the topic of the session in advance of the special meeting and by highlighting the most prominent issues at the beginning of the working session. Moderators can provide input to the FSC Chairperson's report.

The rapporteurs' oral reports at the closing session should highlight the most prominent findings of the particular session. Their written reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information. Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines on timing of the submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information

By 5 October 2007, the keynote speaker and the moderators should submit written contributions to the opening session and the working sessions respectively, which shall be disseminated to participating States through Conference Services.

By 10 October 2007, delegations are requested to inform Conference Services of their external participants at the special meeting.

By 19 October 2007, participating States are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speech or the written contributions by the moderators.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to Conference Services, which will then distribute them.