

506th Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE SEVENTEENTH
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING**

6 and 7 March 2007

Vienna Document 1999:

- (148) *The participating States will hold each year a meeting to discuss the present and future implementation of agreed CSBMs. Discussion may extend to:*
- (148.1) — *Clarification of questions arising from such implementation;*
- (148.2) — *Operation of agreed measures, including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits;*
- (148.3) — *Implications of all information originating from the implementation of any agreed measures for the process of confidence- and security-building in the framework of the OSCE.*
- (150) *The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will hold such meetings. It will consider, as required, suggestions made during the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.*

I. Agenda and indicative timetable**Tuesday, 6 March 2007**

- 10–10.45 a.m. Opening plenary meeting
- Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson;
 - Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC;
 - Presentation of a summary report by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC).

- 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI): Clarification, assessment and conclusions
- Vienna Document 1999:
 - Annual exchange of military information;
 - Defence planning;
 - Risk reduction;
 - Military activities:
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities;
 - (ii) Annual calendars;
 - (iii) Constraining provisions;
 - (iv) Observation of certain military activities;
 - Contacts;
 - Evaluation;
 - Inspection;
 - Regional measures;
 - Communications Network;
 - GEMI.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break

Wednesday, 7 March 2007

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Operation and implementation of other FSC-agreed measures/documents: Clarification, assessment and conclusions
- Principles governing conventional arms transfers;
 - Principles governing non-proliferation;
 - Stabilizing measures for localized crisis situations;
 - Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines;
 - Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security;
 - OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW);
 - OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition;
 - Principles for export controls of MANPADS;
 - Principles on the control of brokering in SALW;
 - Standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures for SALW exports.
- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres (HoV): Practical aspects of implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and GEMI
- Clarification of questions arising from implementation;
 - Operation of agreed measures including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break

- 3–4.30 p.m. Working session 3: Suggestions aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs
- 5–6 p.m. Closing plenary meeting
- Working session reports;
 - Discussion;
 - Concluding remarks;
 - Date of the 2008 AIAM;
 - Closure.

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will be organized in the form of opening and closing plenary meetings together with working sessions and a meeting of the HoV, dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (I). The indicative timetable provides more detail.
2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC will be held on 5 March 2007 at 3 p.m.

The working hours of the AIAM will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

3. Interpretation into the OSCE official languages will be provided at all meetings of the AIAM, including the meeting of the HoV.
4. The meeting will be chaired by participating States, in rotation, in accordance with the French alphabetical order, following on from the chairing of the closing plenary meeting of the 2006 AIAM by Austria. The chair of the opening plenary meeting and working sessions will be held by Azerbaijan. The chair of the closing plenary meeting will be held by Belarus.
5. Debates in the working sessions will be oriented to problems and solutions and there will be no formal statements. Possible national statements for the opening plenary should only be presented in written form and are to be distributed in advance. The working sessions are designed to be very informal meetings of national experts with the objectives of answering questions, exchanging information and allowing for constructive debate between participating States. Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed explanations and concrete examples of their own implementation experiences. Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the meeting, both on agenda points and on related matters for possible discussion. All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide national experts to participate in the AIAM.
6. The CPC will circulate the revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2006, no later than 15 February 2007. By the same dateline, the CPC will additionally circulate a summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and other measures. These will serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators. In particular, the co-ordinators should focus on suggestions which might get the support of delegations.

7. Working session 1 will have two designated co-ordinators and two rapporteurs while working sessions 2 and 3 will have one co-ordinator and one rapporteur. The HoV meeting will be chaired by the CPC. The CPC chair of the HoV meeting will also act as a co-ordinator assisted by one rapporteur. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate the discussion, while the task of the rapporteurs will be to present an oral report to the closing plenary meeting.
8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions for facilitating the discussion in their working sessions. They will be supported by the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed.
9. During the first part of the closing plenary meeting, the rapporteur from each working session and from the HoV meeting will give an oral report to the delegates on the issues that were addressed during the meetings. This report should include problem areas, improvements in implementation accomplished by OSCE participating States, suggestions for further improvement, and any other relevant information. Delegations are encouraged to comment on or add to the reports presented by the rapporteurs.
10. Delegations with volunteers for co-ordinators or/and rapporteurs for the working sessions and the meeting of HoV should provide the names of the individuals to the Chairperson of the FSC as soon as possible, but no later than 14 February 2007. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for each working session and the meeting of HoV will be made known to all delegations no later than 16 February 2007.
11. During the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing plenary meeting will report on the AIAM to the FSC and provide the Chairperson's report together with the reports of working sessions and HoV meeting rapporteurs. Within a month after the AIAM the CPC will circulate a written report of suggestions made during the meeting aimed at improving the implementation of CSBMs.
12. The recommended approach, to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC as participating States consider, as required, suggestions made during the meeting aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs, is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.
13. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) and the Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) are invited to attend all working sessions of the 2007 AIAM.