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**DECISION No. 776
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE 2007 OSCE WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING LEGAL
CO-OPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
TO COUNTER TERRORISM**

The Permanent Council, taking into account its decisions Nos. 756 on the OSCE work programme for 2007 on preventing and combating terrorism and 773 on the dates of the 2007 OSCE Workshop on Enhancing Legal Co-operation in Criminal Matters to Counter Terrorism,

Approves the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the above-mentioned workshop contained in the annex to this decision;

Tasks the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) to develop, with the agreement of the Chairmanship, a detailed annotated agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2007 OSCE Workshop on Enhancing Legal Co-operation in Criminal Matters to Counter Terrorism.

* Incorporates a correction of a typographic error.

**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE 2007 OSCE WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING LEGAL
CO-OPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
TO COUNTER TERRORISM**

Vienna, 22 and 23 March 2007

I. Agenda and timetable

Thursday, 22 March 2007

- 3.15 p.m. Welcoming remarks
- 3.45 p.m. Session 1: Requirements for co-operation and the international legal framework for mutual legal assistance and extradition
- 5 p.m. Session 2: Practical issues and challenges of legal co-operation in criminal matters related to terrorism

Friday, 23 March 2007

- 9.30 a.m. Session 3: Human rights aspects relevant to legal co-operation in criminal matters related to terrorism
- 10.10 a.m. Session 4: National experience with regard to legal co-operation in criminal matters related to terrorism
- 2 p.m. Session 5: Case study
- Group I (Russian speaking participants) — without interpretation
Moderator: (TBD)
- Group II (Non-Russian speaking participants) — with interpretation
Moderator: (TBD)
- 3.45 p.m. Session 6: Relevant technical assistance tools and their value for training centres
- 4.50 p.m. Closing remarks by moderators

II. Organizational Modalities

The opening sessions will be chaired by the Head of the ATU.

Each of the working sessions will have an additional moderator and the ATU will provide rapporteurs.

Standard OSCE Rules of Procedure and working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the workshop.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the OSCE official languages (English, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish), except during the case study discussion (Friday, 23 March 2007, 2–3.30 p.m.). In order to ensure wider interactive participation, the case study will be organized in two groups: one for Russian speaking participants without interpretation and with a Russian speaking moderator; the other for non-Russian speaking participants with interpretation.

A comprehensive report on the workshop will be distributed by the Secretary General no later than six weeks after the workshop.

The press will be informed by the Press and Public Information Section (PPIS), as appropriate. In view of the sensitivity of the law enforcement issues to be discussed, workshop proceedings will not be open to the general public or to the media.

III. Participation

Three-member delegations from participating States will be invited and will, ideally include (1) a high-level official from the Ministry of Justice, Office of the Attorney General or the Supreme Court, (2) a representative of a training centre for prosecutors, judges and judicial officials, and (3) a practitioner (prosecutors and magistrates) who is directly involved in terrorist-related criminal cases and relevant international co-operation.

Vienna-based delegates from OSCE participating States are also welcome to attend.

Relevant OSCE institutions will be invited to the workshop as will the Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation.

Other international organizations, involved in international legal co-operation in criminal matters related to terrorism will also be invited.

Guidelines for speakers

To facilitate discussion within time constraints, keynote presentations will be limited to 20-25 minutes and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes. Participants are encouraged to share specific national experiences and requirements for successful requests for mutual legal assistance and extradition, to identify needs and ways of possible improvement in this area, and to utilize panel experts as resources for enhancing legal co-operation in criminal matters. A large time slot has been reserved on the second day of the conference for national statements (five to seven minutes per statement). Moreover, participants are welcome to provide more detailed written remarks which can be provided to all participants, in order to allow questions and comments from the floor.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements in the opening session and interventions in the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five-seven minutes.

Guidelines regarding deadlines for submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information

By 8 March 2007, the participants in the workshop should, via their national delegations only, inform the OSCE ATU of the composition of their delegations in response to the invitation that will have been sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 15 March 2007, participating States and other participants in the workshop are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to the OSCE ATU, which will then distribute them. This information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.

The OSCE Secretariat will not be in a position to translate written contributions; only workshop proceedings will be simultaneously interpreted into the OSCE official languages, as mentioned above.