



472nd Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 563
TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

(Maastricht, 1 and 2 December 2003)

I. Timetable

Monday, 1 December 2003

- 9.30 a.m. Formal opening
- Address by the host country
- Address by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
- First plenary session
- 12.45 p.m. Family photo
- 1 p.m. Working luncheon of the ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegation
- 3 p.m. Second plenary session
- 8.30 p.m. Dinner for ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegation
- Separate dinner for other members of delegations

Tuesday, 2 December 2003

- 9 a.m. Third plenary session
- Adoption of Ministerial Council documents
- Formal closure of the Eleventh Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council
- 1.15 p.m. Press conference of the OSCE Troika ministers

II. Organizational Modalities

1. The Eleventh Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be conducted in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Helsinki 1992, Budapest 1994, Lisbon 1996 and Istanbul 1999 Summit Meetings. The opening and concluding sessions will be open to NGOs, the press and the public.

All the other sessions, with the exception of those dealing with agenda items which are subject to discussion and possible decision, will be broadcast live in all six OSCE languages to the Media Centre and the NGO Centre by closed-circuit television.

Delegations of participating States will be provided with a total of eight seats — one at the table, four behind and three in the auditorium. The European Union (EU) will have one additional seat next to the participating State holding the EU Presidency.

Seats will be reserved for invited organizations, institutions and countries.

2. The Meeting will be chaired by the Chairman-in-Office. In order to ensure that work on the entire agenda can be completed, no statement should exceed five minutes. The order of the statements to be made by the representatives of those participating States that have indicated to the Chairman-in-Office their intention of making a statement will be established by the drawing of lots.

3. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to attend and address the Meeting.

4. Afghanistan, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand (Partners for Co-operation) will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions.

5. Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia (Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation) will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions.

6. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions:

United Nations, Council of Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe.

The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to attend the Meeting and, if they so wish, make written contributions:

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, African Union, Arab League, Asian Development Bank, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum, Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Central Asian Co-operation Organization, Central European Initiative, Commonwealth of Independent States, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia, Council of the Baltic Sea States, Economic Co-operation Organization, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Europol,

Financial Action Task Force, GUUAM, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Court, International Criminal Police Organization, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South East European Co-operation Process, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Bank, the Euro-Asian Economic Commonwealth and the Collective Security Treaty Organization.

7. The Meeting will be held at the MECC (Maastricht Exhibition and Conference Centre), in Maastricht.

Activities in parallel to the Ministerial Council

The evening before the Eleventh Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, 30 November 2003, the OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers for foreign affairs of the Partners for Co-operation will have a meeting at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting between the OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers for foreign affairs of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation.

The Organizational Modalities foreseen for the Eleventh Meeting of the Ministerial Council will not apply to the parallel activities.