

Based on the outcomes of the Chair's Summary at the 13th Ministerial Council in Ljubljana and the activities conducted in 2006, the Asian Partners for Co-operation suggest continuing the following items in 2007.

## **1. Introducing the Human Security concept to the OSCE**

In 2006, the Asian Partners focused their discussions on human security, which overlaps with the concept of comprehensive security, and thus is relevant to the OSCE fora. The highlight was the OSCE-Thailand Conference in Bangkok on 25-26 April 2006, which was followed by the Side Event on Human Security, held on 3 October by the joint initiative of Asian Partners on the margin of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) in Warsaw. Bearing in mind the lessons and experiences learnt, the Asian Partners for Co-operation consider that further efforts should be continued to reflect human security perspectives in the OSCE activities, including the discussions during the Asian Contact Group meetings.

## **2. Strengthening Relations and Co-operation between the OSCE and the Asian Partners for Co-operation: Review and assessment of the Chair's Summary of the Asian Partners for Co-operation Meeting during the 13<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Council in Ljubljana**

- (1) Though there was some progress on elements of the 2005 Chair's Summary in strengthening the role of the Asian Contact Group through focusing on the thematic issues such as human security, the Asian Partners consider that there are still many issues that remain to be addressed and carried out as follows :
  - a) the participation status of Partners for Co-operation needs to be enhanced from the current "ad hoc invitation basis" to a "permanent basis" in order to encourage their regular participation in PC/FSC meetings by increasing predictability in their engagement with the OSCE.
  - b) the Asian Partners for Co-operation propose that cooperation should be further consolidated, in particular on the issue of assistance from the OSCE to the requesting Asian Partners to undertake joint activities in fields such as capacity building in border control and management, police training, and financial assistance in order to facilitate participation of the relevant Asian Partners for Co-operation in OSCE events. In this regard, the Asian Partners for Co-operation share the view that the Partnership Fund which has been under discussion since last year would play a significant role in enhancing cooperation with the OSCE, and hope that the Participating States, in collaboration with the Partners for Co-operation, will further explore ways and means of promoting joint activities.
- (2) We consider that Asian Partners as well as Participating States should continue to explore the possibility of enhancing interaction between the OSCE and ARF for the sharing of experiences with a view to deepening the understanding of each others' security circumstances.

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