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**DECISION No. 1214  
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2016  
OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE**

(Vienna, 5 and 6 October 2016)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 1206 of 12 May 2016 on the dates and venue of the 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, to be held in Vienna on 5 and 6 October 2016,

Welcoming again the offer by Austria to host the annual OSCE Mediterranean Conference,

Further to the discussion in the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on the topic “Youth north and south of the Mediterranean: facing security challenges and enhancing opportunities”;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference, as contained in the annex.

# **AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2016 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON YOUTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE MEDITERRANEAN: FACING SECURITY CHALLENGES AND ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES**

Vienna, 5 and 6 October 2016

## **I. Indicative agenda**

### **Introduction**

Recent and current developments demonstrate the inextricable link between comprehensive security of the OSCE area and the Mediterranean region. Violent extremism, radicalisation and terrorism as well as current migration trends are amongst the most pressing challenges as is witnessed also in current OSCE discussions. Youth is the population group most widely affected by these trends, be it north or south of the Mediterranean. Youth is the present and the future of our societies and thus needs the continued attention of policy makers.

The 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will therefore focus on the topic of challenges for comprehensive security and youth north and south of the Mediterranean, adopting a cross-dimensional approach to the issue.

The two sessions on the first day will delve into this issue to look at lessons learned and best practices as well as ways to shape constructive future perspectives. The session on the second day of the Conference is aiming at high-level participation and shall allow a broader, political discussion on the challenges related to comprehensive security and youth.

The Conference will provide space to exchange views from north and south of the Mediterranean. OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners will have the opportunity to share experiences as well as formulating forward-looking recommendations in order to strengthen dialogue and enhance concrete co-operation for the sake of common security with a special focus on youth.

### **Programme**

#### **Wednesday, 5 October 2016**

9–9.30 a.m.	Registration of participants
9.30–10 a.m.	Opening

10–10.30 a.m.	Coffee break
10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Session I: Lessons learned and best practices in dealing with challenges for youth north and south of the Mediterranean: Violent extremism, radicalization and terrorism
12.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch hosted by OSCE Secretariat
2.30–3.45 p.m.	Session II: Lessons learned and best practices in dealing with challenges for youth north and south of the Mediterranean: Current migration trends
3.45–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15–5.45 p.m.	Session III: The way forward: enhancing opportunities

### **Thursday, 6 October 2016**

9–10 a.m.	Registration of participants
10–10.30 a.m.	Opening remarks
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	High-level segment on youth north and south of the Mediterranean: facing security challenges and enhancing co-operation
12.30–1 p.m.	Closing

## **II. Participation**

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference. The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Adriatic Ionian Initiative, African Development Bank, African Union, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Union, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, European Union, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, Financial Action Task Force, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red

Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Labour Organisation, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-parliamentary Union, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, Middle East and North Africa Region Financial Action Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Union for the Mediterranean, UN Habitat, United Nations, UN Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Cities and Local Governments, UNICEF, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN Women, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Bank.

Additional organizations may be invited by the host country to observe the conference.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

Other countries may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the conference.

### **III. Organizational modalities**

The Conference will begin at 9.30 a.m. on the first day, and end at 1 p.m. on the second day.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chairperson. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.

Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.

The working languages will be English and French. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken in account.