



584th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 5/09
OSCE MEETING TO REVIEW THE OSCE DOCUMENT ON
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND ITS
SUPPLEMENTARY DECISIONS**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling the commitment by the OSCE participating States to combat illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) in all its aspects, as laid down and detailed in the OSCE Document on SALW (FSC.DOC/1/00, 24 November 2000),

Reaffirming the commitment by the OSCE participating States to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on SALW and the supplementary decisions taken by the FSC,

Recalling the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century, which acknowledged that excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW give rise to risks in neighbouring areas and to a rise in instability,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/08, in which the FSC was requested to organize an OSCE meeting on SALW, to be held in 2009, to review the OSCE Document on SALW and its supplementary decisions, with a view to exploring possible further actions,

Determined to continue playing an active role in international efforts based on the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in SALW in All Its Aspects,

Decides:

1. To organize an OSCE meeting to review the OSCE Document on SALW and its supplementary decisions, with a view to exploring possible further actions, to be held on 22 and 23 September 2009, in Vienna, with the participation of relevant international organizations and in accordance with the programme, indicative timetable and organizational modalities annexed to this decision;
2. To request the OSCE Secretariat to support the organization of this meeting;

3. To invite the OSCE participating States to consider providing extrabudgetary contributions for the above-mentioned event.

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Vienna, 22–23 September 2009

I. Programme and indicative timetable

Monday, 21 September 2009

Arrival of external participants

Tuesday, 22 September 2009

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| 10–11.15 a.m. | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Opening statement by the FSC Chairperson– Opening address by the Chairperson of the Permanent Council– Opening address by the OSCE Secretary General– Keynote speech |
| 11.15–11.30 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Working session I: International co-operation, assistance and capacity-building including related project activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introductory address by the working session moderator– Presentations on specific aspects of international co-operation– Discussion/assessment of the importance of regional approaches in the implementation of SALW-related arrangements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Achievements and outstanding issues– Assessment of the manner in which the OSCE Document on SALW and its supplementary decisions tackle this issue– Assessment of the effectiveness of OSCE assistance |
| 1–1.45 p.m. | Buffet lunch |
| 2–3 p.m. | Side event: Presentations on SALW-related projects in the OSCE region |

- 3–6 p.m. Working session II: Brokering, export and import controls
- Introductory address by the working session moderator
 - Presentations on specific aspects of brokering
 - Discussion on:
 - National practices in categorizing SALW
 - Establishment of appropriate national legislation
 - End-user certification/end-use monitoring
 - Illicit transport of SALW by air
 - Transparency and reporting of import and export data
 - Achievements and outstanding issues
 - Assessment of the manner in which the OSCE Document on SALW and its supplementary decisions tackle this issue

4.30–5 p.m. Coffee break

Wednesday, 23 September 2009

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session III: Stockpile management and surplus disposal
- Introductory address by the working session moderator
 - Presentations on specific aspects of stockpile management
 - Discussion on:
 - National practices in stockpile management
 - Capacity-building
 - Available resources and expertise
 - Achievements and outstanding issues
 - Assessment of the manner in which the OSCE Document on SALW and its supplementary decisions tackle this issue

11.15–11.45 a.m. Coffee break

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

- 3–4.50 p.m. Working session IV: Marking and tracing of SALW
- Introductory address by the working session moderator
 - Presentations on specific aspects of marking and tracing
 - Discussion on:
 - National practices in marking and tracing of SALW
 - OSCE support for the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit SALW (International Tracing Instrument (ITI))
 - Achievements and outstanding issues

- Assessment of the manner in which the OSCE Document on SALW and its supplementary decisions tackle this issue

4.50–5.10 p.m. Coffee break

5.10–6 p.m. Closing session

- Discussion to explore possible further actions to be taken by the OSCE in the context of SALW-related activities
- Chairperson's closing remarks

II. Organizational modalities

Background

MC Decision No. 11/08 requested the FSC to organize an OSCE meeting on SALW in 2009 to review the OSCE Document on SALW and its supplementary decisions, with a view to exploring possible further action. This meeting is to build upon the relevant provisions in the OSCE Document on SALW, in particular on its Section VI, as well as on the extensive OSCE *acquis* in respect of SALW, developed since 1999. It is also to take into account the contributions and proposals made by experts on SALW and relevant NGOs in the context of the FSC's work, in particular during its sessions in 2008. The meeting is to take full advantage of the Final Outcome Document of the Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the UN Programme of Action on SALW (BMS-3). The meeting, based on a thematic approach, is to provide information on the international framework concerning SALW, to address specific problems in the OSCE area and to take into account the implementation of existing OSCE norms, and is to identify gaps which would require further action by the OSCE.

Organization

The FSC Chairmanship will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each working session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The rapporteurs will assist the moderators in the preparation of their respective working sessions. Each rapporteur will provide a brief written report for the Chairperson of the closing session and a written summary report, which will become a part of the Chairperson's report.

Each working session will be introduced by the moderator, after which one or two presentations will be given on specific aspects of the topic, either by the moderator or by other experts. The introduction and the presentations are to be in line with point-papers to be distributed via the moderator prior to the meeting. The introductions and the presentations at the working sessions are to be brief, so as to allow maximum time for discussion, and should therefore highlight only the most important elements of the point-papers so as to provide information and set the scene for the discussion.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the meeting. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions.

The FSC Chairperson will provide a report on the meeting not later than 16 October 2009, including a summary of suggestions and recommendations made during the meeting.

The OSCE Secretariat will assist the FSC Chairperson in all matters concerning the organizational modalities of the meeting.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to ensure the participation of senior officials, including those from capitals, at the meeting. The OSCE institutions will participate in the meeting. The Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will also be invited to participate.

Other relevant international and regional organizations that are involved in SALW activities, such as the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, the UN Development Programme, the UN Institute for Disarmament Research, the European Union, and NGOs, will also be invited by the FSC Chairperson.

The deadline for registrations will be 9 September 2009.

General guidelines for participants

Prior circulation of briefings, overviews or statements is encouraged. To promote interactive discussion, delegations are requested to provide formal statements in writing only. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes.

Guidelines for keynote speakers and panellists

To facilitate discussion within the time constraints, the keynote presentation will be limited to 15–20 minutes, introductions and presentations in the working sessions to 5–10 minutes, and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes.

In their contributions, the speakers at the opening and working sessions should set the scene for the discussion and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations, and should concentrate on the highlights of their contributions. Speakers should remain present during the entire session they are addressing and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

In order to promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions at the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes. The

speakers should also contribute to the further substance of the meeting as it evolves and as time permits. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator will chair the session and should facilitate and focus dialogue among the participants. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subjects of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or refine the scope of the discussion. The moderators may provide input to the Chairperson for the FSC Chairperson's report.

The rapporteurs' reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and rapporteurs should provide written summaries subsequent to the meeting.

Personal views will not be advanced.

Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions

Speakers should submit their written contributions to the meeting moderators no later than 11 September 2009.

By 16 September 2009, participating States and other participants in the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.

By 16 September 2009, international and regional organizations are invited to submit in writing factual information on their organizations that would be useful for the participants. Such information should not be brought to the attention of participants during the meeting.