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**807th Plenary Meeting**  
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**DECISION No. 8/15**  
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR**  
**THE OSCE HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DOCTRINE SEMINAR**

(Vienna, 16 and 17 February 2016)

The OSCE will hold a High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar (HLMDS) in Vienna on 16 and 17 February 2016, the seventh of its kind within the OSCE, to discuss doctrinal changes and their impact on defence structures in the light of the present European security situation.

This Seminar will be held in accordance with FSC Decision No. 3/15 (FSC.DEC/3/15) dated 1 July 2015. Such seminars are encouraged in the Vienna Document 2011 on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures by fostering the process of transparency, openness, and predictability.

**I. Agenda and timetable**

**Tuesday, 16 February 2016**

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| 10–11 a.m.     | Opening of the Seminar  |
|                | – Opening remarks   |
|                | – Keynote speech  |
| 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | Session 1: Security situation in the OSCE area and operational trends                         |
|                | – Introduction by session moderator   |
|                | – Keynote speakers on subtopics   |
|                | – Assessment of major present security risks, predominant threat perceptions and consequences |
|                | – Changing forms of conflict, operational trends and developments                             |

- Brief introductions by panellists
- Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
- Moderator's closing remarks

3–6 p.m.                      Session 2: Emerging challenges

- Introduction by session moderator
- Keynote speakers on subtopics
  - Analysis of military, technological, economic, environmental factors and their impact on security policy
- Brief introductions by panellists
- Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
- Moderator's closing remarks

**Wednesday, 17 February 2016**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.              Session 3: Review of current/updated national military doctrines

- Introduction by session moderator
- Keynote speakers on subtopics
  - Examples of military doctrines currently under review – contents and process (actors, methods, procedure)
- Brief introductions by panellists
- Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
- Moderator's closing remarks

3-5 p.m.                      Session 4: Implications of doctrinal changes for armed forces and security and defence policy

- Introduction by session moderator
- Keynote speakers on subtopics
  - How will doctrinal changes affect armed forces, their mandates, capabilities, and structures?
  - Implications for security and defence policy including arms control and confidence- and security-building measures

- Brief introductions by panellists
  - Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
  - Moderator's closing remarks
- 5.30–6 p.m. Closing session: Future challenges and areas of activity for the OSCE
- Conclusion and topics identified for further discussion or possible OSCE engagement
  - Closing remarks by Seminar chairperson

## **II. Organizational modalities**

### **Preparation for the Seminar**

The Netherlands, as the incoming Chairmanship of the FSC, will act as the chairmanship of the Seminar.

Chiefs of defence/general staff or other senior officials and relevant academics from participating States will be invited to attend the Seminar. Following appropriate consultations, the Seminar chairperson will invite relevant international organizations, institutions and personalities. The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to attend the Seminar.

The Seminar chairperson will nominate a moderator and a rapporteur for each session. The Seminar chairperson will also select keynote speakers and panellists for each session from among the names proposed by participating States.

Keynote speakers will be requested to submit their presentation for circulation to delegations no later than Monday, 25 January 2016.

A final preparatory meeting will be organized on 15 February 2016 between the FSC Troika, moderators, keynote speakers, rapporteurs and panellists to discuss in detail the conduct of the Seminar and how to best to manage it to achieve the desired results.

The Secretariat, in accordance with its departmental responsibilities, will support the Seminar chairperson in administrative and budgetary preparations for the Seminar.

A night owl session, buffet lunches and an evening cocktail reception might be organized by the OSCE/FSC Chairmanships.

Other necessary organizational arrangements will be dealt with by Working Group B of the FSC.

## **Conduct of the Seminar**

A key objective of the Seminar is to have interactive dialogue inspired by the keynote speakers and panellists. Therefore delegations are encouraged not to read out prepared general statements during the Seminar.

Each working session will be introduced by the session moderator, followed by presentations by up to two keynote speakers (up to fifteen minutes each), after which discussion will take place. The debate will be stimulated by appropriate interventions from up to four panellists per session (up to five minutes each). Interventions from the floor will be very welcome and should be limited to a maximum of three minutes per speaker. In order to ensure the effective conduct of the Seminar, the moderator of each session will facilitate and focus the discussions and stimulate an interactive debate by introducing questions related to the topics dealt with by that session or by reordering the sequence of interventions. The moderator is also responsible for ensuring equal access to the floor and for providing all participants with the opportunity to intervene within the established time frame of the session. During each session, the moderator may adjust time limits depending on the number of requests for the floor and the time available. Speakers who exceed the time limits will be notified by the moderator.

Prior to the closing session of the Seminar, each rapporteur, after appropriate consultation with the relevant session moderator, will submit a brief report to the Seminar chairperson covering the issues addressed during their respective working sessions.

On the basis of the reports provided by the rapporteurs for each of the four sessions, the Seminar chairperson will present a summary report of the discussions (after the completion of the Seminar) that will be brought to the attention of the FSC.

Interpretation will be provided between the official languages of the OSCE.

Rooms for informal meetings will be provided.

Other OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will, *mutatis mutandis*, be applied to the Seminar.