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**DECISION No. 1248**  
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF**  
**THE 2017 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE**

(Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany, 19 and 20 June 2017)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 1241 of 16 February 2017 on the dates and venue of the 2017 OSCE Asian Conference, to be held in the Federal Republic of Germany, on 19 and 20 June 2017,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Welcoming the offer by the Federal Republic of Germany to host the 2017 Conference with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2017 OSCE Asian Conference on “Common challenges and common opportunities”;

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

**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL  
MODALITIES OF THE 2017 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE ON  
COMMON CHALLENGES AND COMMON OPPORTUNITIES**

Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany, 19 and 20 June 2017

**Co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany and the  
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)**

**I. Agenda**

**Monday, 19 June 2017**

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| 8.30–9.15 a.m.    | Registration of participants and welcome coffee  |
| 9.15–10 a.m.      | Opening remarks (open to the media) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Representative of the host country/Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation (Germany)</li><li>– Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office (Austria)</li><li>– Secretary General of the OSCE</li></ul>  |
|                   | Technical break (directly following the opening)   |
| 10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. | Session 1: Confidence-building in times of geopolitical changes (high-level political segment)<br><br>Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation<br><br>Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation<br><br>This session will provide an opportunity to address common security challenges in the OSCE Asia-Pacific region.<br><br>Discussion<br>Conclusions and remarks by the moderator |
| 1–3 p.m.          | Lunch  |

3–5.15 p.m.

Session 2: Connectivity and regional economic co-operation

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Improving economic connectivity to enhance economic opportunities and to strengthen political confidence-building
- Identifying potential for (cross-border) connectivity, trade and economic co-operation
- Economic co-operation – the role of regional organizations

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

5.30–6.30 p.m.

Time slot for a possible side event

7.30 p.m.

Dinner reception

## **Tuesday, 20 June 2017**

9–11 a.m.

Session 3: Regional contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals – the potential role of the OSCE and Asian Partners

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels (Goal 16)
- Ensuring inclusive and quality education for all and promoting lifelong learning (Goal 4)

- Achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls (Goal 5)
  - Discussion
  - Conclusions and remarks by the moderator
- 11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m. Closing session (open to the media)
  - Concluding statement by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
  - Concluding statement by a representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation
- 12.15 p.m. End of Conference
- 12.30–1.15 p.m. Lunch
- Afternoon Cultural programme (optional)

## **II. Participation**

The OSCE participating States are invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE executive structures and 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: Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC), Central European Initiative (CEI), Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Council of Europe (CoE), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), United Nations (UN), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Women, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Representatives of the members of the ARF may attend as guests of the host country. Other countries and organizations may also be invited by the host country.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

### **III. Timetable and other organizational modalities**

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening remarks) on 19 June 2017 and end at 12:15 p.m. on 20 June 2017.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council.

Rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening remarks and closing session will be open to the media. The Conference will be held in Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany. The working language will be English.