



950th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 3/20
SECOND BIENNIAL MEETING TO ASSESS THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS
AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening efforts aimed at ensuring the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012), the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA) (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), and related FSC decisions, including Decision No. 2/10 on the OSCE Plan of Action on SALW (FSC.DEC/2/10, 26 May 2010),

Recalling Section VI of the OSCE Document on SALW, in which the participating States agreed that the FSC would review regularly, including, as appropriate, through annual review meetings, the implementation of the norms, principles and measures in the document, and agreed to keep its scope and content under regular review and to work on the further development of the document in the light of its implementation and of the work of the United Nations and of other international organizations and institutions,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/17 on SALW and SCA (MC.DEC/10/17), the 2016 Ministerial Council Declaration on OSCE Assistance Projects in the Field of SALW and SCA (MC.DOC/3/16), and the 2018 Ministerial Declaration on OSCE Efforts in the Field of Norms and Best Practices on SALW and SCA (MC.DOC/5/18),

Recalling the first Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA, which took place in Vienna on 2 and 3 October 2018,

Decides:

1. To organize the second Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA, to be held in Vienna on 13 and 14 October 2020, in accordance with the 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, 13 and 14 October 2020

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 13 October 2020

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| 10–11 a.m. | Opening session (including a coffee break) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Opening statement by the FSC Chairperson– Opening address by the OSCE Secretary General (tbc) |
| 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | Global developments and trends in preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects and implications for the OSCE area <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by the moderator– Keynote speakers– Discussions |
| 1–3 p.m. | Lunch |
| 3–6 p.m. | Working session I: Assessment of the implementation of OSCE commitments on SALW and SCA and options for improvement; progress in the review and update of the OSCE Best Practice Guides on SALW and SCA (including a coffee break) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by the working session moderator– Presentations– Discussions |

Wednesday, 14 October 2020

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session II: The assistance mechanism under the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA and donors' perspectives
- Introduction by the working session moderator
 - Presentations
 - Discussions
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch
- 3–5.45 p.m. Working session III: Application of the OSCE Best Practice Guides on SALW and SCA and other international standards to the assistance projects (including a coffee break)
- Introduction by the working session moderator
 - Presentations
 - Discussions
- 5.45–6 p.m. Closing session
- FSC Chairperson's closing remarks

II. Organizational modalities

Background

Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/17 tasked the FSC with, *inter alia*, continuing to discuss the outcomes of the Review Conferences and Biennial Meetings of States; continuing further steps to improve the efficiency and outcome of SALW and SCA projects to ensure the maximum possible value in dealing with the challenges associated with SALW and SCA in line with the OSCE assistance mechanisms as outlined in the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA and relevant FSC decisions; and exploring ways to complement the existing OSCE measures aimed at addressing the illicit trafficking of SALW.

The 2018 Ministerial Declaration on OSCE Efforts in the Field of Norms and Best Practices on SALW and SCA (MC.DOC/5/18) acknowledged the need for the OSCE to continue to enhance its SALW- and SCA-related norms and best practices and their implementation. The Declaration welcomed the conduct of the first OSCE Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA, held in Vienna on 2 and 3 October 2018. The meeting served as a platform to take stock of the existing OSCE norms and best practices and to identify areas for their improvement and for co-operation.

Organization

The FSC Chairmanship will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each session will have one designated moderator and one rapporteur throughout. The task of the moderators will be to facilitate and follow the discussion, while the immediate task of the rapporteurs will be to present brief written summary reports for use by the Chairperson of the closing session, and a written summary report, which will become a part of the Chairperson's consolidated report. The rapporteurs will assist the moderators in the preparation of their respective sessions.

Each session will be introduced by the moderator, after which several presentations will be given on specific aspects of the topic, either by the moderator, by keynote speakers 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 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 all sessions. The FSC Chairperson will provide a report on the meeting not later than 14 December 2020, 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 officials from capitals, in the meeting. The Partners for Co-operation will also be invited to participate.

Other international and regional organizations that are involved in relevant SALW and SCA activities will also be invited by the FSC Chairperson.

The deadline for online registrations will be 21 September 2020.

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 presentations will be limited to 15–20 minutes, introductions and presentations in the sessions to 20–25 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 highlights in 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 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 of 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 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 are to provide written reports subsequent to the meeting. These summary reports should give an account of issues raised during the relevant sessions; personal views are not to be advanced.

Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions

Speakers should submit their written contributions to the moderators no later than 5 October 2020. Participating States and other participants in the meeting are also encouraged to submit any written contributions they may have before that date.