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**DECISION No. 1343**  
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF**  
**THE 2019 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE**

(Tokyo, Japan, 2 and 3 September 2019)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 1342 of 26 July 2019 on the dates and venue of the 2019 OSCE Asian Conference, to be held in Tokyo, on 2 and 3 September 2019,

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

Welcoming the offer by Japan to host the 2019 Conference with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2019 OSCE Asian Conference on the subject “How to achieve comprehensive security in the digital era: the perspectives of the OSCE and its Asian Partners”;

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

**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF  
THE 2019 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE ON HOW TO ACHIEVE  
COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY IN THE DIGITAL ERA: THE  
PERSPECTIVES OF THE OSCE AND ITS ASIAN PARTNERS**

Tokyo, Japan, 2 and 3 September 2019

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

**I. Agenda**

**Monday, 2 September 2019**

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| 9.15 a.m.       | Registration of participants and welcome coffee  |
| 9.45–10.30 a.m. | Opening remarks (open to the media) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Representative of the host country (Japan)</li><li>– Representative of the Chairmanship of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation (Italy)</li><li>– Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship (Slovakia)</li><li>– Secretary General of the OSCE</li></ul>   |
| 10.30–11 a.m.   | Coffee break   |
| 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  | Session 1: Tackling ICT security risks in the digital era<br><br>This session will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The impact of ICT in shaping international relations: addressing current ICT security challenges</li><li>– Protection of critical infrastructure against cyber attacks</li><li>– The role of regional organizations in promoting stability in the use of ICT among States</li></ul><br>Discussion |
| 1–2.30 p.m.     | Lunch  |
| 2.30–3.30 p.m.  | Possible slot for a side-event   |

3.30–5.30 p.m. Session 2: The digital economy as a driver for promoting co-operation, security and growth

This session will focus on:

- Strengthening co-operation on addressing security aspects of the digital economy
- Widening access to digital technologies and enabling equal opportunities, in particular for women, youth and persons with disabilities
- The digital transformation and its contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Discussion

Evening Dinner reception

## **Tuesday, 3 September 2019**

9.30–11.30 a.m. Session 3: Risks to the safety of journalists in the digital era

This session will focus on:

- Vulnerability of journalists to becoming targets of hacking or unlawful or arbitrary surveillance or interception of communications, undermining enjoyment of their right to freedom of expression and their right to be free from arbitrary or unlawful interference with privacy
- Distinct risks faced by women journalists in relation to their work, including through digital technologies

Discussion

11.30 a.m.–12 noon Coffee break

12 noon–1 p.m. Closing remarks (open to the media)

1 p.m. End of conference

## **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: the Association of Southeast 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), 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), Office of the 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 9.45 a.m. (opening remarks) on 2 September 2019 and end at 1 p.m. on 3 September 2019.

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

The 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 Tokyo, Japan. The working language will be English.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER  
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND  
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Turkey:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decisions just adopted on the dates and venue of the 2019 OSCE Asian Conference and the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2019 OSCE Asian Conference, the Republic of Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

We would like to sincerely thank the 2019 Italian Chairmanship of the Asian Contact Group for all their efforts to reach consensus. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Japan for offering to host the 2019 Asian Conference. Turkey is committed to further expand and deepen the dialogue and co-operation between the OSCE and the Asian Partners.

The OSCE, with its comprehensive and co-operative concept of security, is a unique international platform in an era where effective multilateralism becomes increasingly needed. The participation of representatives of civil society enriches OSCE events. Turkey values their work and contribution to the advancement of the OSCE commitments.

The OSCE, as a security organization intended to serve and advance the security of its participating States, including Turkey, must not offer a platform to the extensions of terrorist organizations. Turkey has made its concerns with the participation of terror affiliates in OSCE events abundantly clear. Turkey has expressed its expectations on this matter on numerous occasions.

The clear rules in Paragraph 16, Decision IV, 1992 Helsinki Document must be implemented.

While welcoming the efforts undertaken by the current and previous Chairs of the Informal Working Group (IWG) on the implementation of Paragraph 16 of the said Document, as well as the initial work achieved by the Chair of the Open-Ended Reflection Process, Turkey believes that these efforts need to be redoubled in order to reach a lasting solution as early as possible.

Turkey takes note of the Slovak Chairmanship's statement declaring its readiness to assume responsibility for taking final decisions should questions arise concerning the application of Paragraph 16 of the said Document.

Turkey joins consensus on the two decisions related to the 2019 Asian Conference with the understanding that the Chairmanship will not allow the participation of persons or organizations which resort to the use of violence or publicly condone terrorism or the use of violence to the Meeting.

Turkey will closely follow the preparations of the 2019 Asian Conference. If Turkey's legitimate concerns are not addressed in a concrete and satisfactory manner, this would amount to the non-implementation of Paragraph 16 and thus to non-compliance with our shared principles and commitments, particularly those related to the fight against terrorism. Such a situation would further jeopardize the credibility of our organization and undermine the rules and principles of the OSCE.

In that case, Turkey will not hesitate to take any action it deems necessary within the OSCE.

Mr. Chairperson, we ask that this statement be attached to the decision and also included in the journal of the day."