

DECISION No. 3
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE
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The Ministerial Council,

Restating the OSCE's concept of common, comprehensive, and indivisible security,

Acknowledging the requirement to reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE,

Reaffirming the OSCE's role as a primary organization for the peaceful settlement of disputes within its region and as a key instrument for early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, as well as its nature as an inclusive and comprehensive organization for consultation, decision-making and co-operation in its region,

Taking into account the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism and the Bishkek Programme of Action, the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism, as well as the Charter for European Security adopted at the Istanbul Summit and ongoing work to elaborate an OSCE strategy to address threats to security and stability in the twenty-first century,

Emphasizing the increased importance of international co-operation and political dialogue among participating States and with other international, regional and subregional organizations in response to threats to our common security,

Mindful of the danger conflicts in various regions in the OSCE area pose to all participating States,

Recalling the Bucharest Ministerial Decision No. 3 on Fostering the Role of the OSCE as a Forum for Political Dialogue,

Acknowledging the role of the Forum for Security Co-operation as the OSCE body for, *inter alia*, negotiation of arms control, disarmament and confidence- and security-building and for the assessment of the implementation of agreed measures,

Considering the role of the annual Economic Forum and its preparatory and follow-up seminars for reviewing OSCE activities in the economic and environmental dimension of security,

Taking into account the role of the Human Dimension Implementation Meetings, Review Conferences, the Supplementary Human Dimension Meetings and the annual Human Dimension Seminar for reviewing the implementation of commitments in the human dimension of security,

Stressing the need to strike a proper balance among the three dimensions of the OSCE,

Determined to complement and not to duplicate or replace the activities of other OSCE bodies and institutions, including the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting,

Decides to establish an Annual Security Review Conference, with the following purpose and modalities:

I. Purpose

To provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, *inter alia*:

- Implementation of an OSCE strategy to address threats to security and stability in the twenty-first century;
- Implementation of OSCE commitments in combating terrorism;
- Politico-military aspects of security;
- Implementation of OSCE decisions and activities in the area of early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, and post-conflict rehabilitation;
- The security-related activities in OSCE institutions and field operations;
- OSCE police-related activities;
- Other security-related issues, including regional issues, which are dealt with by the OSCE.

The Conference may also provide an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, including the CFE and Open Skies treaties.

In addition, the Conference should also promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

II. Modalities

The Security Review Conference will meet annually, in Vienna unless otherwise decided. The meeting will last for 2 to 3 days, and will be held before the summer recess. Delegations of participating States will be encouraged to be reinforced at senior level from capitals.

The Conference will be chaired by a representative of the Chairmanship-in-office, with Forum for Security Co-operation involvement as appropriate.

The date, agenda and meeting-specific modalities of the Conference will be annually decided by the Permanent Council, taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation.

The Conference can formulate recommendations to be provided to the Permanent Council and, as appropriate, to the Forum for Security Co-operation, for further consideration.

The contribution of the Forum for Security Co-operation to this Conference will be made in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences.

Relevant officials of OSCE bodies and institutions shall be invited by the Permanent Council to report to the Conference on their security-related activities and areas for further action.

Relevant international and regional organizations and institutions will be invited to participate as determined by the Permanent Council.

The OSCE established rules of procedure shall apply in the Annual Security Review Conference.