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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (2007 ASRC)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account its Decision No. 779 on the dates of the 2007 Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides to organize the 2007 Annual Security Review Conference (2007 ASRC) in accordance with the programme, agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2007 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (2007 ASRC)

Vienna, 19 and 20 June 2007

Programme

Tuesday, 19 June 2007

10 a.m.–1 p.m.   Opening session

3–5.45 p.m.   Working session I: Review of the implementation of the OSCE
                        Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the
                        Twenty-First Century

Wednesday, 20 June 2007

10 a.m.–1 p.m.   Working session II: Challenges in the politico-military aspects of
                        security dimension

3–5.45 p.m.   Working session III: A coherent approach towards the OSCE activities
                        in relation to early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis
                        management and post-conflict rehabilitation

5.45–6 p.m.   Closing session

Agenda

Opening session (19 June 2007, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.):

The opening session will provide an opportunity for the participating States and other
participants in the Conference to share their views on the evolving security environment in
the early twenty-first century and on the new challenges created for all, from North America
to Europe and Central Asia, and to review the existing co-ordination mechanisms between the
OSCE and other partner international organizations with a view to enhancing an integrated
multidimensional approach in the multilateral efforts to prevent and combat threats to
stability and security.

Working session I: Review of the implementation of the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century (19 June 2007, 3–5.45 p.m.):

Working session I will focus on a review of the response by participating States to the threats identified in the OSCE Strategy adopted in Maastricht in 2003, in particular in addressing threats related to terrorism and other criminal activities, including the threat of illicit drugs, the discrimination and intolerance, and other threats in the sphere of economy and the environment. This session may also reflect on the overall capacity of the OSCE to address inter-State and intra-State conflicts throughout the whole OSCE area.

Working session II: Challenges in the politico-military aspects of security dimension (20 June 2007, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.):

Working session II will review the implementation of existing OSCE documents and instruments adopted within the politico-military aspects of security dimension. This session will, in particular, reflect on the effectiveness of existing documents agreed by the Forum for Security Co-operation. This session may contribute to identifying common ground for improving and enhancing, where needed, specific tools that may help to address challenges in the politico-military aspects of security dimension.

Working session III: A coherent approach towards the OSCE activities in relation to early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation (20 June 2007, 3–5.45 p.m.):

Working session III will offer an opportunity to engage in a dialogue and exchange experiences gained at the national level and in co-operation with other international organizations and institutions regarding the OSCE activities in relation to early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation. This session will also reflect on conflicts in the whole OSCE region and politico-military aspects thereof.

Closing session (20 June 2007, 5.45–6 p.m.):

The Chairperson will present a first perception on the outcome of the Conference, based on the contributions of the rapporteurs.

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Background

The Porto Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, by adopting its Decision No. 3, dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, to provide an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence and security building measures, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

A representative of the Chairman-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each working session will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The rapporteur(s) will serve as co-ordinator(s) for preparing the session.

The FSC contribution to the ASRC includes the chairing of the second session by a member of the FSC troika or the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

Interpretation into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions.

The Chairman-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report on the Conference before the summer recess.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate.

Participation

Participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC). The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

Other international organizations to be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 745/Rev.1 of 30 November 2006.

Consideration is to be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, "think-tanks" of international standing, and NGOs to send keynote speakers or to be represented as members of national delegations.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in five sessions. The opening session is intended to provide an opportunity for formal statements to be delivered and to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions at the working sessions. The opening session will include the welcoming remarks by the Chairman-in-Office or his representative and the report by the FSC Chairperson.

The working sessions will concentrate on one topic, introduced by one or two keynote speakers, whose addresses may be followed by a discussion of any number of relevant subtopics that delegates may wish to raise.

The aim is to have an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

Each of the sessions mentioned in the agenda has been assigned a number of the above-mentioned subtopics for illustrative purposes. The FSC will circulate a list of suggested topics for each session. These lists are not exhaustive. In order to reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that, at each of the sessions, the interfaces of security, and also the question of co-operation with other international organizations will be addressed.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements at the opening session and interventions at the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of the keynote speakers should set the scene for the discussion at the sessions and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities, and should concentrate on the highlights of their contribution in the presentation. They should dedicate part of their speech and/or written contribution to the enhancement of the security dialogue on work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States.

The maximum available speaking time is 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session at which they are speaking, and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' written reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines for participation of other international organizations

Other international organizations may participate in all sessions. They are invited to concentrate their contributions on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE.

Guidelines on timing of the submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information

By 24 May 2007, keynote speakers should submit a written contribution. International organizations are invited to submit factual information on their organization that would be useful for the participants of the ASRC in writing. Such information should not be brought to the attention of participants during the Conference.

By 30 May 2007, the participants in the Conference should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC, in response to the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference to be sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 12 June 2007, participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speeches.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to the CPC, which will then distribute them. The information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.