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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2005 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (2005 ASRC)

The Permanent Council, taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides:

To organize the 2005 Annual Security Review Conference (2005 ASRC) in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

AGENDA OF THE
2005 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (2005 ASRC)

Vienna, 21 and 22 June 2005

Programme

Tuesday, 21 June 2005

10 a.m.–1 p.m.   Opening Session

3–5.45 p.m.   Working Session I: Preventing and combating terrorism

6–7 p.m.   Side event with the Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation

Wednesday, 22 June 2005

10 a.m.–1 p.m.   Working Session II: Comprehensive security

3–5.45 p.m.   Working Session III: Enhancing co-operation and synergy with
                       international organizations and institutions

5.45–6 p.m.   Closing Session

Agenda

Opening Session
(21 June, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

The session will provide the opportunity for the participating States and other participants of the Conference to make statements concerning the overall theme of the Conference — the implementation and follow-up to the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century (the Strategy). *Inter alia*, these might include the review of the security environment in the OSCE area, the effectiveness of existing tools, and the possible need to develop additional measures to be taken by the participating States and the Organization. The session should make a broad cross-dimensional appraisal of the current security environment to examine new threats and discuss the OSCE track record since the adoption of the Strategy.

The review might in a more general context deal with, *inter alia*, the implementation of the relevant OSCE decisions and commitments in capacity-building for preventing and

combating terrorism, the fight against organized crime, border security and management, strategic changes in the security environment and the improvement of co-operation with other international organizations, while also taking the gender aspect into account.

Working Session I: Preventing and combating terrorism
(21 June, 3–5.45 p.m.)

This session will review the implementation of the OSCE commitments and decisions related to combating terrorism, and will address possible new areas to enhance OSCE counter-terrorism activities, while ensuring the respect of human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law. The review might include addressing the threat of terrorism, its manifestations and conditions that may foster and sustain it. The session might also review options for combating organized crime, strengthening border security and management, and enhancing police activities.

Side event with the Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation
(21 June, 6–7 p.m.)

This event will further identify and review areas of common interest and concern, and possible ways of intensifying co-operation and the voluntary implementation of OSCE principles and commitments on the basis of Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/04 of 7 December 2004.

Working Session II: Comprehensive security
(22 June, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

This session will review the threats and challenges to security and stability in the OSCE area, and responses to them, in particular of a politico-military nature. The session might also cover: strategic changes in the security environment and their influence on military doctrines, implementation of OSCE decisions and activities in the area of early warning, conflict prevention/resolution, crisis management, and post-conflict rehabilitation, the risks stemming from stockpiles of conventional ammunition and SALW, and the particular contributions made by the FSC, and the existing arms control and non-proliferation agreements/treaties and CSBMs.

Working Session III: Enhancing co-operation and synergy with international organizations and institutions
(22 June, 3–5.45 p.m.)

This session will review the interaction of the OSCE with other international organizations and institutions based on the Platform for Co-operative Security and the Strategy, and will focus on ways to further improve co-operation with them. The session will also focus on the implementation of Permanent Council Decision No. 571 on further dialogue and co-operation with the Partners for Co-operation and on exploring the scope for wider sharing of OSCE norms, principles and commitments with others, in particular with adjacent regions.

The session might include the review of the political dialogue, co-ordination and structured co-operation on thematic or regional issues, and the intensification of interaction

both at the political and the working level. The session will also look at specific areas of OSCE activity, such as the fight against terrorism, border security and management, police activities, the suppression of organized crime, while also taking the gender aspect into account.

Closing Session
(22 June, 5.45–6 p.m.)

The Chair 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 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 participating States, to provide an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each of the working sessions will have one or more designated co-ordinators, and a rapporteur.

Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference.

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

A comprehensive report on the Conference will be distributed by the Chairman-in-Office before the summer recess.

The press will be informed by the Press and Public Information Section (PPIS), 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 Parliamentary Assembly, the Mediterranean and Asian 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. 563 of 30 October 2003.

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, to set the stage for the substantive, focused and interactive discussion in the working sessions and the side event. The opening session will include the welcoming remarks by the Chairman-in-Office and the report by the FSC Chair.

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

Each of the sessions mentioned in the agenda has been assigned a number of the above-mentioned sub-topics for illustrative purposes. These lists are not exhaustive. To reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that the interfaces of security will be addressed in each of the sessions, and also the question of co-operation with other international organizations, regardless of the session devoted to that particular topic.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements in the opening session and interventions in the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of the keynote speakers should set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities, and 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; where there are two keynote speakers in the same session, the total maximum is 25 minutes.

Guidelines for co-ordinators and rapporteurs

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

The rapporteur's written report should address issues raised during the respective session, 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 encouraged to focus on Working Session III; their contribution should concentrate on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE.

Guidelines on timing of submitting and distributing written contributions and factual information

By 20 May 2005, the participants of the Conference should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC in response to information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference to be sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 1 June 2005, keynote speakers should submit a written contribution. International organizations are invited to submit factual information on their organisation which would be useful for the participants of the ASRC in writing. It should not be brought to the attention of participants during the Conference.

By 15 June 2005, participating States and other participants of 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 who will then distribute them. The information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.