

2008 FOLLOW-UP OSCE CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN COUNTERING TERRORISM: PARTNERSHIP OF STATE AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN COMBATING TERRORISM

Vienna, 15 and 16 September 2008

I. Agenda and timetable

Monday, 15 September 2008

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| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Opening session: Welcoming remarks and general statements by delegations |
| 2.30–5.30 p.m. | Working session 1: Public-private partnerships with civil society and the media in countering terrorism and violent extremism |

Tuesday, 16 September 2008

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| 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Working session 2: Public-private partnerships in protecting critical infrastructures and major events against terrorist attacks |
| 2–4 p.m. | Working session 3: Public-private partnerships in countering the financing of terrorism |
| 4.30–5.30 p.m. | Closing session: Overview of recommendations and suggestions from the Conference and closing remarks |

II. Organizational modalities

A representative of the Chairman-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each of the working sessions will have one moderator.

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.



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Permanent Council**

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DECISION No. 855
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE 2008 FOLLOW-UP OSCE CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIPS IN COUNTERING TERRORISM: PARTNERSHIP OF
STATE AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE BUSINESS
COMMUNITY IN COMBATING TERRORISM**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 5/07 on public-private partnerships in countering terrorism,

Taking into account its Decision No. 848 on the dates of the 2008 Follow-Up OSCE Conference on Public-Private Partnerships in Countering Terrorism,

1. Approves the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the above-mentioned Conference contained in the annex to this decision;
2. Tasks the Secretary General, in co-ordination with the OSCE Chairmanship and OSCE institutions, to develop a detailed annotated agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2008 Follow-Up OSCE Conference on Public-Private Partnerships in Countering Terrorism.

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

The Secretary General will distribute a comprehensive report on the Conference.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate. The opening and closing sessions of the Conference will be open to the media.

III. Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented by senior officials as well as relevant experts responsible for co-ordination of counter-terrorism activities. Given the purpose of the Conference to build partnership among State authorities, civil society and the business community, national delegations may include representatives of governments, NGOs, academia/think-tanks, the legal community, and civil society; major media outlets; TV- and radio-broadcasting companies; Internet-related companies; and the business community, in particular major transport, financial/banking and energy companies.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Secretariat. The Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

The United Nations and other international organizations involved in counter-terrorism activities will also be invited.

Guidelines for speakers

To facilitate discussion within time constraints, keynote presentations will be limited to 15–20 minutes, and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes.

In their contributions, 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, and should concentrate on the highlights of their contributions in their presentations. Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking to and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions in 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 moderators

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 subjects covered by the working session, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

Personal views will not be advanced.

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

By 1 September 2008, the keynote speakers should submit written contributions. International organizations are invited to submit in writing factual information on their organizations that would be useful for the participants. Such information should not be brought to the attention of participants during the Conference.

By 8 September 2008 in response to the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference which will be sent out by the ATU, the participants in the Conference should inform the ATU, through their permanent missions to the OSCE in Vienna only, of the composition of their delegations.

By 10 September 2008, the participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to the ATU which will then distribute them.

**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 France on behalf of the European Union:

“The European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The European Union has joined consensus on this decision on the basis of its interpretation of the provisions on registration and participation, i.e. that, in accordance with the Helsinki principles and established practice, NGOs are not excluded from registering directly with the OSCE and participating in their own right in this conference.

We ask that this statement be attached to the decision adopted and included as an annex to the journal of the day.

The candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Ukraine and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.”

* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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By the delegation of the United States of America:

“The United States joins the large majority of OSCE participating States in noting its concern by attempts from other States to infringe on the ability of non-governmental organizations to fully participate in OSCE events. Moreover, we believe that the 2008 Follow-Up OSCE Conference on Public-Private Partnerships in Countering Terrorism is unique in that its goal is to encourage partnerships between States and NGOs and that this in no way should be seen as setting a precedent for NGO participation at other OSCE events.”

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By the delegation of Canada:

“On behalf of the delegations of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Canada, I would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure, regarding the decision on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the OSCE Conference on Public-Private Partnerships in Countering Terrorism. Our interpretation of paragraph 1 of Section III Participation is that, in accordance with the Helsinki principles and established practice, NGOs are not excluded from participating in their own right in this conference. We ask that this statement on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland be attached to the decision adopted and included as an annex to the journal of the day.”