

**275th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1/00  
FSC WORKING GROUPS**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will maintain three subsidiary working bodies:

1. Working Group A will continue the work in accordance with the mandate of the FSC and, where appropriate, develop new approaches to the items contained therein, taking into account the specific characteristics of the armed forces of individual participating States.

Working Group A will monitor and discuss the implementation of measures, decisions and commitments adopted by the FSC; prepare the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, as defined in Chapter XI of the Vienna Document 1999; ensure the appropriate follow-up of that meeting; and prepare, if appropriate, for FSC discussions on implementation. At least once a month the meeting of Working Group A will be devoted to implementation issues.

2. Working Group B will address future challenges and risks to military security in the OSCE region and develop goals and methods for building, maintaining and improving stability and security, both in the OSCE region as a whole and at a regional level.

3. The OSCE Communications Group is organized, and will address issues, in accordance with the OSCE Communications Network Document and report regularly to the FSC.

4. Representatives of the country chairing the FSC will also chair Working Groups A and B; countries belonging to the FSC "Troika" will assist the Chair in his tasks. The Chair will issue a four-week programme of planned meetings for the subsidiary working bodies. The Chair will, taking into account proposals from delegations and after discussions in the Troika, prepare draft agendas on a weekly basis and keep them updated. The Working Groups will stand ready to report to the FSC on their proceedings. The Working Groups will organize their own work on the basis of a rolling schedule. Additional meetings of Working Groups may be convened, as necessary.

5. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will participate in all meetings of the FSC and its working bodies and will provide assistance in accordance with its mandate. The CPC will fully support the activities of the Working Groups, in particular in the field of implementation and assist the FSC Troika.

6. The Working Groups may recommend to the FSC to hold seminars on specific topics.

7. The FSC will review this decision in the light of experience gained and of future needs. It may form other working groups, as required.
8. This decision replaces the previous decision on Working Groups contained in FSC.DEC/9/95.