

686th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 4/12
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE
ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY
ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 7/11, which tasked the FSC, in accordance with its mandate, in 2012, to intensify the discussion on the annual information exchange on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (the Code of Conduct) and examine its application in the context of existing political and military situation, in particular through a focused review during the first annual discussion on its implementation,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 12/11 on an annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct as well as FSC Decision No. 18/11 on the dates and venue of the first annual discussion,

Recalling the importance of the Code of Conduct and taking into account the provision of paragraph 38 of the Code of Conduct, stating that appropriate bodies, mechanisms and procedures will be used to assess, review and improve if necessary the implementation of the Code of Conduct,

Decides to organize the first annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct, taking place on 11 July 2012 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annex to this decision.

ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Wednesday, 11 July 2012

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| 10–10.30 a.m. | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Opening and introduction by the FSC Chairperson;– Remarks by an OSCE Secretariat representative;– General statements. |
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Working session 1: Sharing of views on the implementation of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by session moderator;– Keynote speakers;– Discussion;– Moderator’s closing remarks. |
| 3–4.45 p.m. | Working session 2: Evaluation discussion on the implementation and effectiveness of the Code of Conduct including the 2012 annual exchange of information pursuant to the Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by session moderator;– Keynote speaker;– Discussion;– Moderator’s closing remarks. |
| 4.45–5 p.m. | Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Discussion;– Concluding remarks;– Closure. |

II. Organizational modalities

Background

The Ministerial Council Decision No. 7/11 tasked the FSC, in accordance with its mandate, in 2012, “to intensify the discussion on the annual information exchange on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and examine its application in the context of existing political and military situation, in particular through a focused review during the first annual discussion on its implementation”. Furthermore, the FSC Decision No. 12/11 provided, *inter alia*, to “regularize a focused discussion on implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security by devoting an annual special one-day meeting to the Code of Conduct” and to “invite, as appropriate, representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes to a morning session of this meeting to share views on implementation, while the following evaluation discussion of the afternoon session of the meeting is to be restricted to participating States”.

The first annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct will therefore provide an opportunity to discuss how to promote and improve the implementation of the Code of Conduct including its annual information exchange as well as to undertake an evaluation discussion and to examine its application in the context of the existing political and military situation.

Organization

The annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct will take place on 11 July 2012 in Vienna.

Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

A representative of the FSC Chairmanship (Latvia) will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur.

Simultaneous interpretation between all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at all sessions.

The FSC Chair will provide a report within one month after the meeting, including a survey of suggestions and recommendations made during the annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to ensure the representation at policy and expert level at the annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

The OSCE Secretariat, the ODIHR, field missions, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Only the morning session will be open for the invited representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes.

General guidelines for participants

A report on the implementation of the Code of Conduct, prepared by the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat, in accordance with FSC Decision No. 12/11, will be made available to participating States not later than 2 July 2012.

The annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct will be conducted in four sessions.

The working sessions will concentrate on major topics, introduced by keynote speakers, whose addresses shall 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.

Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. The approach recommended in order to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC when the participating States consider suggestions made during the meeting, is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of 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. Their contributions should set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions.

The available speaking time is 10–15 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking to and 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 session, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' report should address issues raised during the respective session; it should cover lessons learned, best practices, challenges, improvements, and suggestions made at the session as well as other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines on timing of submitting and distributing written contributions

By 4 July 2012, participating States and other participants of the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions they may wish to present.