



SUOMI **08** FINLAND

Media Guide

16th OSCE Ministerial Council,
Helsinki, 4 and 5 December 2008



Dear Friends, I am very happy to have this opportunity to wish you all welcome to the 16th Ministerial Council of the OSCE in Helsinki on 4–5 December 2008.

The process that has led to the present OSCE started when the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) convened in Helsinki in July–August 1975. We Finns are deeply honoured that, “in the spirit of Helsinki”, we can now host this meeting.

Since the year when the opening words of the organisation were voiced, the host city, the OSCE and the entire world around us have changed dramatically. Even though in a sense, this meeting in Helsinki represents a return to the roots of the organisation, we shall turn our attention firmly to the future.

Our mission is to live in the present. The current year has proved once again the value of this organisation. As an organisation spanning Vancouver through Vladivostok, the OSCE plays a key role as a promoter of security and cooperation.

I wish you all a pleasant stay in Helsinki. Increase the Peace!

Alexander Stubb

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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE 2008

Media Accreditation Desk at the Fair Centre in Pasila
Address: Ratapihantie, entrance 4.2. (see the map)
Tel. +358 9 75472 161

Accreditation Desk opening hours:

Tuesday	2 December	08.00–20.00
Wednesday	3 December	08.00–20.00
Thursday	4 December	07.00–22.00
Friday	5 December	08.00–15.00

Security

Access to venues indicated in the media programme is possible only by persons in possession of a valid accreditation badge. All packages and personal effects are subject to security checks; media staff should be aware that the use of metal detectors and x-ray screening may take some time. Loss of a badge should be reported immediately to the Media Info Desk or Accreditation Desk staff.

Transportation

Arrivals

Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is located 19 km north of the city centre. From the airport, there is a Finnair City Bus connection to the city centre every 20 minutes (International Terminal, Platform 10). Tickets cost 6.10 € and can be bought on the bus. Credit cards are accepted.

A taxi from the airport to the city centre takes about half an hour and costs about 30 €. **Taxi tel. +358 1000 700**

Public transportation in Helsinki can be used **free of charge with a valid badge** during the MC. The Media hotels are located in the immediate vicinity of Helsinki Central Railway Station. **The fastest connection to the Media Centre is by commuter train to Pasila.** All commuter trains stop at Pasila, from where it takes only about five minutes to walk to the Media Centre (see the map). In Pasila, you should head towards the northern end of the platform and follow the signpost "Messukeskus /Fair Centre " in the underground tunnel to Ratapihantie where the Media accreditation and the Press entrance are located.

Trams 7A, 7B and 9 run from downtown Helsinki to the Fair Centre. The trams stop on Rautatieäläsenkatu on the southern side of the Fair Centre (see the map).

Shuttle bus service will be provided between the Media Centre and the Airport **only on Friday, 5 December.** Timetables are available on the Media Info Desk.

Media Centre

Helsinki Fair Centre is situated approximately five kilometres north of Helsinki city centre. Address: Messuaukio 1, Pasila, Helsinki, www.finnexpo.fi

Media entrance: Ratapihantie, entrance 4.2

Opening hours:

Wednesday	3 December	10.00–20.00
Thursday	4 December	08.00–22.00
Friday	5 December	08.00–19.00

Media Info Desk in the Media Centre

Tel. +358 9 75472 150

Fax +358 9 75472 423

E-mail: mediainfo@mc2008.fi (only during the MC)

IT Help Desk in the Media Centre for any IT assistance, including technical problems
Tel. +358 9 75472 160

Official web site

www.osce.org/conferences/mc_2008.html

The official web site of the 16th OSCE Ministerial Council provides links to OSCE documents, communiqués by Delegations, photos for the Media, etc.

Working facilities for written media

Work stations in the Media Centre include a LAN-connection (Internet), access to a shared printer, telephones and Windows XP computers with UK keyboards. At some of the work stations French and Cyrillic keyboards are available in computers at rows 1 and 2. The voltage in Finland is 230V AC, and plugs are of the two-pin continental European standard (schuko). Photocopiers and telefaxes are available for shared use.

Headsets are available for listening to the council meeting broadcasts and the final press conference. Interpreters and original speakers are heard from different channels.

Working facilities for radio and television

All booths are equipped with telephone and high-speed internet, some with CCTV, PC and ISDN. Audio and video signals are available in the area. In principle booths will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Please e-mail us your

preliminary requests for booths latest 26 November to monika.arno@formin.fi.

Host broadcaster

Finnish Broadcasting Company, YLE
Tel. +358 9 1480 4688

Host broadcaster Desk

Tel. +358 9 75472 166

Outside broadcasting vehicles

Dish park and broadcasting vehicle area is near the TV & Radio entrance. Additional IT services for vans should be ordered in advance or requested at the Media Info Desk.

Please note that all vehicles entering the Fair Centre will be X-rayed as part of the security check. This will take up to an hour per vehicle.

Host photographer

The Finnish OSCE Chairmanship will provide photographs by the host photographer for use by the media at www.osce.org/conferences/mc_2008.html

Info-system and CCTV

The sessions of the Ministerial Council will be broadcasted via big info-screens and CCTV in the Media Centre. Simultaneous translation will be provided into the six official OSCE languages; wireless headphones can be obtained at the Media Info Desk. Signal splitters for the original speaker language are available at the broadcasting media booth area. The latest information and the press programme will be shown on the info-system screens.

Webcasting

The Ministerial Council press conference can be viewed live or from the archive at formin.finland.fi/osce/

Pools

Pools are open for photographers and cameramen with a pool card. Pool cards are granted individually and for a single event, and they can be collected at the Media Info Desk approximately 30 minutes before each event. The rule to be followed will be "first come first served". Accredited media will have free access to arrivals of the Heads of Delegation on Thursday morning. Those interested in arrivals will be taken outdoors in groups. The OSCE Chairman-in-Office will welcome the Heads of Delegation inside the venue, covered by the Host Broadcaster only. Additional Pool opportunities will be announced on CCTV and can be requested from the Media Info Desk staff.

Press briefing premises

The final press conference will take place on Friday, 5 December, in the main Press Conference room of the Media Centre. Interviews and smaller press briefings will mostly be held in the briefing rooms in the Media Centre. Briefing rooms at the Media Centre can be reserved at the Media Info Desk.

Interviews

For one-to-one interviews with delegates, please dial the number of the respective delegation's liaison officer. For additional assistance or to reach delegations and organisations not listed below, please contact the Media Info Desk.



Liaison Officers

Finland	+358 50 415 6183	Romania	+358 50 415 6144
Albania	+358 50 415 6100	Russian Federation	+358 50 415 6145
Germany	+358 50 415 6101	Russian Federation	+358 50 415 6146
United States of America	+358 50 415 6102	San Marino	+358 50 415 6147
United States of America	+358 50 415 6103	Holy See	+358 50 415 6148
Andorra	+358 50 415 6104	Serbia	+358 50 415 6149
Armenia	+358 50 415 6105	Slovakia	+358 50 415 6150
Austria	+358 50 415 6106	Slovenia	+358 50 415 6151
Azerbaijan	+358 50 415 6107	Sweden	+358 50 415 6152
Belarus	+358 50 415 6108	Switzerland	+358 50 415 6153
Belgium	+358 50 415 6109	Tajikistan	+358 50 415 6154
Bosnia and Herzegovina	+358 50 415 6110	Czech Republic	+358 50 415 6155
Bulgaria	+358 50 415 6111	Turkmenistan	+358 50 415 6156
Canada	+358 50 415 6112	Turkey	+358 50 415 6157
Cyprus	+358 50 415 6113	Ukraine	+358 50 415 6158
Croatia	+358 50 415 6114	Afghanistan	+358 50 415 6159
Denmark	+358 50 415 6115	Japan	+358 50 415 6160
Spain	+358 50 415 6116	Mongolia	+358 50 415 6161
Estonia	+358 50 415 6117	Republic of Korea	+358 50 415 6162
France/EU	+358 50 415 6118	Thailand	+358 50 415 6163
France/EU	+358 50 415 6119	Algeria	+358 50 415 6164
European Commission	+358 50 415 6120	Egypt	+358 50 415 6165
Georgia	+358 50 415 6121	Israel	+358 50 415 6166
United Kingdom	+358 50 415 6122	Jordan	+358 50 415 6167
Greece	+358 50 415 6123	Morocco	+358 50 415 6168
Hungary	+358 50 415 6124	Tunisia	+358 50 415 6169
Ireland	+358 50 415 6125	United Nations	+358 50 415 6170
Iceland	+358 50 415 6126	NATO	+358 50 415 6172
Italy	+358 50 415 6127	CoE, Council of Europe	+358 50 415 6173
Kazakhstan	+358 50 415 6128	International Organizations	
Kazakhstan	+358 50 415 6182		+358 50 415 6174
Kyrgyzstan	+358 50 415 6129	UNHCR	+358 50 415 6175
Latvia	+358 50 415 6130	ODIHR, Organization for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights	+358 50 415 6176
The former Yugoslav Republic Of Macedonia	+358 50 415 6131	HCNM, High Commissioner on National Minorities	+358 50 415 6177
Liechtenstein	+358 50 415 6132		
Lithuania	+358 50 415 6133	FOM, Freedom of the Media	+358 50 415 6178
Luxembourg	+358 50 415 6134		
Malta	+358 50 415 6135	OSCE Parliamentary Assembly	+358 50 415 6179
Moldova	+358 50 415 6136		
Monaco	+358 50 415 6137		
Montenegro	+358 50 415 6138		
Norway	+358 50 415 6139		
Uzbekistan	+358 50 415 6140		
Netherlands	+358 50 415 6141		
Poland	+358 50 415 6142		
Portugal	+358 50 415 6143		

Meals and snacks

Lunch is served as indicated in the media programme. The media restaurant is located in the Upper Gallery. Meals will be available free of charge. Snacks, coffee, tea and soft drinks are served in the Media café in the Media centre.

Smoking is not permitted in the Media Centre.

First aid

The first aid room is located on 1st floor, Lower Gallery, Tel. +358 (0)9 1509 228. Please contact the Media Info Desk for further guidance. In case of an emergency, please dial the general emergency number **112**.

Information on media arrangements

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Media programme

Wednesday, 3 December

10.00	The Media Centre opens
13.00– 19.00	Opening hours of the Media Café
	An OSCE Civil Society Forum will be held on 2 and 3 December Address: Ostrobotnia, Museokatu 10, Helsinki. The Forum will be open to the media. For more information, please see www.stete.org
afternoon	Press briefing by the Finnish OSCE Chairmanship (exact time TBA)
20.00	The Media Centre closes

Thursday, 4 December

08.00	The Media Centre opens
08.30	Arrival of the Heads of Delegation outdoors (free access to accredited media)

- The OSCE Chairman-in-Office welcomes the Heads of Delegation
(Host Broadcaster only)
- 10.00 Formal opening and first plenary session **(Pool 1 – tour de table)**
Addresses by:
Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland
Alexander Stubb, Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs
Joao Soares, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, OSCE Secretary General
- 12.40 Family photo **(Pool 2)**
- 13.00 Working luncheon for Heads of Delegation **(Pool 3 – tour de table)**
- 12–15.00 Buffet lunch for media representatives at the Media Centre,
Upper Gallery
- 15.00 Second plenary session **(Pool 4 – tour de table)**
Statements by the Heads of Delegation
- 19.30–
21.30 Reception for the Media and Members of Delegations hosted
by the City of Helsinki at the City Hall
- Shuttle bus service** will be provided between the Media Centre
and the City Hall between 19.15 and 21.15.
- 20.00 Official dinner for the Heads of Delegation
at Finlandia Hall, hosted by Tarja Halonen, President of the
Republic **(Pool 5 – welcome by the President and tour de table)**.
- 22.00 The Media Centre closes

Friday, 5 December

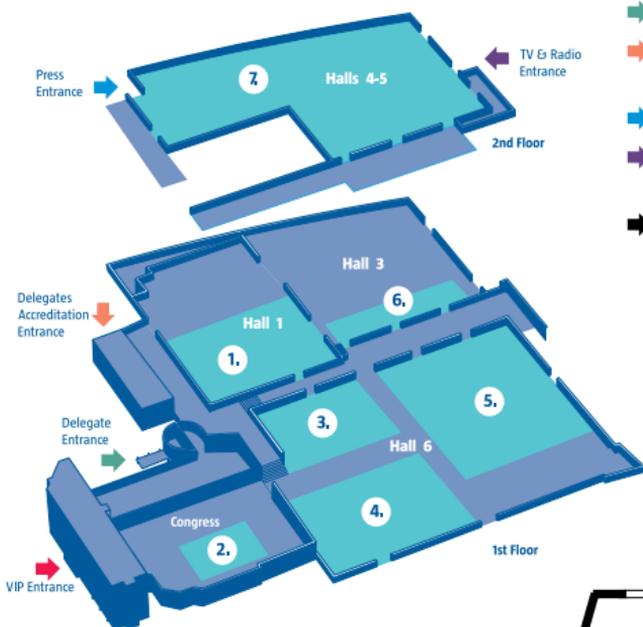
- 08.00 The Media Centre opens
- 09.30 Third plenary session **(Pool 6 – tour de table)**
Statements by the Heads of Delegation
Formal Closure and addresses by:
Matti Vanhanen, Prime Minister of Finland
Alexander Stubb, Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 12.00–
15.00 Buffet lunch for media representatives at the Media Centre,
Upper Gallery
- 13.30 Final press conference by the OSCE Troika ministers
- 19.00 The Media Centre closes
- Shuttle bus service** will be provided between the Media Centre
and the airport. Timetable available at the Media Info Desk.

For more information on the meeting arrangements and general OSCE information, please visit www.osce.org/conferences/mc_2008.html

Overview of the Helsinki Fair Centre

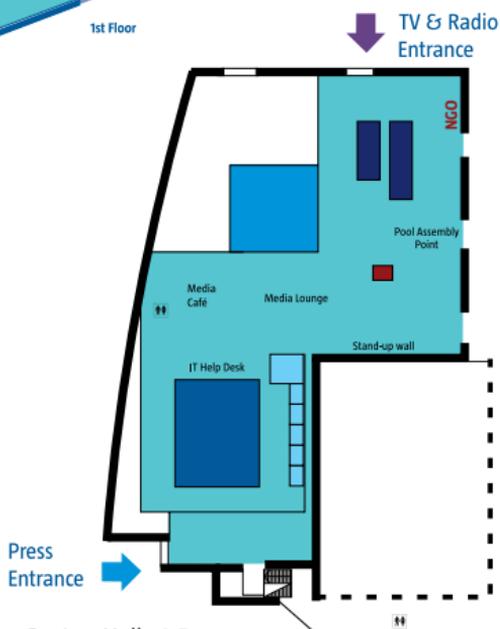


-  VIP Entrance
-  Delegate Entrance
-  Delegates Accreditation Entrance, Door 4.4
-  Press Entrance, Door 4.2
-  TV & Radio Entrance, Door 5.5
-  Embassy Cars Parking, upper deck of the Parking Hall



The Helsinki Fair Centre

1. Ministerial Council Plenary Hall
2. PrepComm / PC Plenary
3. Bilateral Meetings
4. Delegation Luncheon Area
5. Delegation Offices
6. Conference Services
7. Press Centre



Press Centre, Halls 4-5

-  Writing Media
-  Briefing, Interview booths
-  Final Press Conference Room
-  Media / TV
-  Media Info