

933rd Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 1053
TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

(Dublin, 6 and 7 December 2012)

I. Timetable

Thursday, 6 December 2012

- 9.20 a.m. Family photo
- 9.30 a.m. **Opening session (open)**
- Formal opening and adoption of the agenda
 - Address by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
 - Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 - Report by the OSCE Secretary General
- First plenary session (closed)**
- Statements by heads of delegations
- 1 p.m. Working luncheon for the ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegations
- Separate lunch for members of delegations
- 3–6 p.m. **Second plenary session (closed)**
- Statements by heads of delegations
- 7 p.m. Reception at City Hall for ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegations, followed by a dinner at Dublin Castle

7.30 p.m. Reception for members of delegations and the press

Friday, 7 December 2012

9.30 a.m. **Third plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations
- Adoption of Ministerial Council decisions and documents
- Any other business

Closing session (open)

- Formal closure (statements by the current and incoming Chairpersons-in-Office)

1.30 p.m. Press conference by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

II. Organizational modalities

1. The Nineteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be conducted in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure.
2. The Meeting will be held at the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) Simmonscourt Complex. Delegations of the participating States will be provided with one seat at the table, at least three seats behind the table and additional seats in the plenary hall.
3. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions:

The United Nations, the Council of Europe and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

These organizations will be invited to address the Meeting in the above order after the statements by the participating States and the Partners for Co-operation.

4. The international organizations, institutions and initiatives mentioned in paragraph II.8 of Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010 will be invited to attend the Meeting and make written contributions.

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Activities in parallel to the Ministerial Council meeting

On the margins of the Ministerial Council meeting, the OSCE Troika Ministers will hold a meeting with the ministers for foreign affairs of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and a meeting with the ministers for foreign affairs of the Asian Partners for Co-operation.

The organizational modalities foreseen for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council will not apply to the parallel activities.

**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 Kyrgyzstan (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkey):

“In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, Paragraph IV.1(A)6 and with regard to the decision just adopted by the Permanent Council on the timetable and organizational modalities of the 19th Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, Kyrgyzstan in its capacity of the Chairperson of the Council of Heads of States of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (CCTS) and on behalf of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkey makes the following interpretative statement:

While joining the consensus on this decision in a spirit of compromise, we deem it necessary to raise our concern to the fact that the list of international organizations to be invited to the 19th Ministerial Council once again falls short of meeting the comprehensiveness and inclusiveness that our Organization is built upon.

The decision just adopted is the outcome of a course of events void of dialogue and which led to the exclusion of two international organizations from the list, exclusively comprised of four OSCE participating States is a matter of deep regret.

In a situation where similar organizations based on linguistic bonds are on the list and have been participating in OSCE events for years, refraining from extending invitations to the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States and the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries for the Ministerial Council meeting in Dublin contradicts the spirit and letter of basic documents of the OSCE.

In this context, we would like to inform participating States that in the future, we will not accept the list adopted today as a basis for further decisions related to the modalities of OSCE events, including the 20th Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.

With this understanding, we also call on the incoming Ukrainian Chairmanship to chart our discussions on modalities of OSCE events in 2013 on a basis different from this year, when we were deprived of the opportunity to have even discussion on the issue. The approach should be inclusive, avoiding discrimination between international organizations that have a similar character.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day, and to the decision in question.”