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ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

4 and 5 March 2008

Vienna Document 1999:

- (148) *The participating States will hold each year a meeting to discuss the present and future implementation of agreed CSBMs. Discussion may extend to:*
- (148.1) — *Clarification of questions arising from such implementation;*
- (148.2) — *Operation of agreed measures, including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits;*
- (148.3) — *Implications of all information originating from the implementation of any agreed measures for the process of confidence- and security-building in the framework of the OSCE.*
- (150) *The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will hold such meetings. It will consider, as required, suggestions made during the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.*

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 4 March 2008

- 10–10.45 a.m. Opening session
- Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson;
 - Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC;
 - Presentation of a summary report by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC);
 - Presentation of the report by the CPC on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres.

- 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI): Clarification, assessment and conclusions
- Vienna Document 1999:
 - Annual exchange of military information;
 - Defence planning;
 - Risk reduction;
 - Military activities:
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities;
 - (ii) Annual calendars;
 - (iii) Constraining provisions;
 - (iv) Observation of certain military activities;
 - Contacts;
 - Evaluation;
 - Inspection;
 - Regional measures;
 - Communications Network;
 - GEMI.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1 (continued)

Wednesday, 5 March 2008

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Operation and implementation of other FSC-agreed measures/documents: Clarification, assessment and conclusions
- Principles governing conventional arms transfers;
 - Principles governing non-proliferation;
 - Stabilizing measures for localized crisis situations;
 - Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines;
 - Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security;
 - OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW);
 - OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition;
 - Principles for export controls of MANPADS;
 - Principles on the control of brokering in SALW;
 - Standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures for SALW exports.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–4.30 p.m. Working session 3: Suggestions aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs

- 5–6 p.m. Closing session
- Working session reports;
 - Discussion;
 - Concluding remarks;
 - Agenda and dates of the 2009 AIAM;
 - Closure.

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will have opening and closing sessions, as well as working sessions, dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (I). The indicative timetable provides more detail.

2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC will be held on 3 March 2008 at 3 p.m.

The working hours of the AIAM will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

3. Interpretation into the OSCE official languages will be provided at all sessions of the AIAM.

4. The sessions will be chaired by representatives of the participating States, in rotation, in accordance with the French alphabetical order, following on from the chairing of the closing plenary meeting of the 2007 AIAM by Belarus. The chair of the opening session and working sessions will be held by Belgium. The chair of the closing session will be held by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

5. Debates in the working sessions will be oriented towards problems and solutions and there will be no formal statements. Any national statements for the opening session should be presented in written form only and are to be distributed in advance. The working sessions are designed to be very informal meetings of national experts with the objectives of answering questions, exchanging information and allowing for constructive debate between participating States. Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed explanations and concrete examples of their own implementation experiences. Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the Meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide national experts to participate in the AIAM.

6. The CPC will circulate the revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2007, no later than 13 February 2008. By the same date, the CPC will in addition circulate a summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and other measures. These will serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators. In particular, the co-ordinators should focus on suggestions which might be supported by delegations.

7. Working session 1 will have two designated co-ordinators and two rapporteurs while working sessions 2 and 3 will have one co-ordinator and one rapporteur. The task of the

co-ordinators will be to facilitate the discussion, while the task of the rapporteurs will be to present an oral report to the closing session.

8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions for facilitating the discussion in their working sessions. They will be supported by the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed.

9. During the first part of the closing session, the rapporteur from each working session will give an oral report to the delegates on the issues that were addressed during the sessions. This report should include problem areas, improvements in implementation accomplished by OSCE participating States, suggestions for further improvement, and any other relevant information. Delegations are encouraged to comment on or add to the reports presented by the rapporteurs.

10. Delegations that have volunteers to act as co-ordinators or/and rapporteurs for the working sessions should provide the names of the individuals to the Chairperson of the FSC as soon as possible, but no later than 12 February 2008. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for each working session will be made known to all delegations no later than 14 February 2008.

11. During the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing session will report on the AIAM to the FSC and provide the Chairperson's report together with the reports of the rapporteurs of the working sessions. Within a month after the AIAM the CPC will circulate a written report on suggestions made during the Meeting aimed at improving the implementation of CSBMs.

12. The approach recommended in order to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC when the participating States consider, as required, suggestions for improvement of the implementation of CSBMs 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.

13. Before the conclusion of the eighteenth AIAM, the participating States will agree upon the agenda and dates for the AIAM in 2009. Lack of agreement will not constitute sufficient reason to extend the Meeting, unless otherwise agreed. The agenda and dates may, if necessary, be agreed between Meetings.

14. The Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend all sessions of the 2008 AIAM.