

519th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 9/07
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR
THE SPECIAL FSC MEETING ON CIVIL-MILITARY
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (CMEP)**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recognizing the national responsibilities of all participating States for ensuring plans for dealing with emergencies such as accidents involving chemicals or toxic spills, avalanches, floods and earthquakes, or managing the consequences of terrorists attacks,

Also recognizing that disasters, whether man-made or natural, do not recognise international borders, therefore making international co-operation a useful tool,

Recalling the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century adopted at the Ministerial Council Meeting in Maastricht in 2003, which called for an OSCE response to ecological disasters that can provide a substantial negative impact on the health, welfare, stability and security of participating States,

Recalling the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension also adopted in 2003, which called for a common response and action to combat ecological disasters resulting from natural causes, economic activities or terrorist attacks that may pose a serious threat to stability and security,

Referring to the Border Security and Management Concept adopted at the Ministerial Council Meeting in Ljubljana in 2005, which called for possible specialized assistance upon request of interested participating States in facilitating cross-border co-operation in case of natural disasters or serious accidents in border zones,

Decides to organize this special FSC meeting on Civil-Military Emergency Preparedness (CMEP) on 26 September 2007, in accordance with the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities annexed to this decision.

SPECIAL FSC MEETING ON CIVIL-MILITARY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (CMEP)

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Wednesday, 26 September 2007

10–10.15 a.m.	Opening session
10.15–1 p.m.	Working session 1: Information sharing and update of existing policies, programmes and mechanisms from the perspective of both States and international organizations
10.15–11 a.m.	Presentations by OSCE participating States
11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.–1 p.m.	Presentations by international organizations
1–3 p.m.	Lunch break
3–4.30 p.m.	Working session 2: Examining possible roles for participating States to take co-operative action in the field of Civil-Military Emergency Preparedness
4.30–4.45 p.m.	Coffee break
4.45–5.30 p.m.	Working session 3: Possible involvement of and co-operation with and between OSCE Partners for Co-operation
5.30–6 p.m.	Closing session

II. Organizational modalities

Organization

The special FSC meeting on Civil-Military Emergency Preparedness will take place on 26 September 2007 in Vienna.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the special FSC meeting. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

The FSC Chairmanship will chair the opening and closing plenary sessions.

Each working session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The rapporteurs will assist in the preparation and provide written summaries of the working sessions, to form part of the Chairperson's report.

Each working session will have a keynote speaker whose contribution should provide information and set the scene for the discussion after his/her presentation.

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

The OSCE Secretariat will assist the FSC Chairperson in all matters concerning the organizational modalities of the meeting.

The FSC Chairperson will provide a report on the special FSC meeting not later than 15 October 2007, including, if appropriate, a survey of suggestions and recommendations made during this meeting.

Participation

Participating States are encouraged to ensure the participation of experts at the special FSC meeting, including those from capitals, or representatives of national agencies dealing with civil-military emergency preparedness.

International organizations with expertise in CMEP within the OSCE area will be invited to participate and to actively contribute in the discussions at working session 1.

The OSCE Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate at the special FSC meeting and to contribute in the discussions at working session 3.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will also be invited to participate at the special FSC meeting.

General guidelines for participants

This special FSC meeting will be conducted in three working sessions.

The working sessions will concentrate on the information presented by the keynote speakers. Each presentation will be followed by discussion on any issues that delegates may wish to raise. The aim is to raise awareness, provide information and encourage interaction.

Prior circulation of briefings, overviews, or statements is encouraged.

To promote interactive discussion, delegations are requested to provide formal statements in writing only. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of the keynote speakers should provide information and should set the scene for the discussion at the working sessions as well as for a focused exchange of views among participants.

The maximum available speaking time is 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking at and should be ready to engage in debate following their presentation.

Delegations will be asked to react to the information provided by the keynote speaker with five-minute interventions and to contribute to the further substance of the meeting as it evolves and as time permits.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

Moderators will chair the working sessions and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among the participants. Moderators should also stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subjects of the working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion. Moderators can provide input to the FSC Chairperson's report.

Rapporteurs' reports should address issues raised during the respective session and rapporteurs should provide written summaries following the special FSC meeting.

Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions

Keynote speakers should submit their written contributions to the FSC Chairperson not later than 14 September 2007.

Participating States and other participants at the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions they may wish to present not later than 14 September 2007.