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**DECISION No. 1171
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2015
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account its Decision No. 1166 on the dates of the 2015 Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides to organize the 2015 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2015 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 23–25 June 2015

Agenda

Tuesday, 23 June 2015

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Opening session |
| 3–6 p.m. | Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine |

Wednesday, 24 June 2015

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| 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Working session I: Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and the way ahead |
| 2–4 p.m. | Working session II: Transnational threats and challenges |
| 4–6 p.m. | Working session III: The OSCE and its neighbourhood |

Thursday, 25 June 2015

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Working session IV: Arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: challenges and opportunities |
| 3–5 p.m. | Special session: European security and the role of the OSCE |
| 5–6 p.m. | Closing session |

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 23–25 June 2015

Background

The Tenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, at Porto, by adopting its Decision No.3, dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, to provide an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

A representative of the Chairperson-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each working session will have one moderator and one rapporteur. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will serve as co-ordinator for preparing the sessions.

The contribution of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will be made in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences. The FSC contribution to the ASRC includes the chairing of the fourth working session by a member of the FSC Troika or the Director of the CPC.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, special, working and closing sessions.

The Chairmanship will co-ordinate the preparation of the ASRC with the FSC Chairperson and the OSCE Secretariat.

The Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report on the Conference before the summer recess.

The Communication and Media Relations Section (COMMS) will inform the press, as appropriate.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials from capitals, responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the CPC. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite some heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference. Consideration should be given to the possibility of inviting heads of field operations to be present as keynote speakers or moderators.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

Consideration is to be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing, and NGOs to send keynote speakers, moderators or to be represented as members of national delegations.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in eight sessions. The opening session is intended to provide an opportunity for formal statements to be delivered and to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions at the special and working sessions. The opening session will include the welcoming remarks by the Chairperson-in-Office or his representative and the report by the FSC Chairperson. The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guest(s) to address the Conference.

The four working sessions and the two special sessions will each concentrate on a different topic, introduced by up to two keynote speakers, whose addresses will be followed by a discussion of relevant topics that are mentioned in the agenda.

The aim is an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

In order to reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that, at each of the sessions, the interfaces of security, and also the question of co-operation with other international and regional organizations, will be addressed.

To promote interactive discussion, the formal statements at the opening session and the interventions at the special and working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes in length. Moderators will be asked to strictly enforce these time limits. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

By 15 June 2015, the participants in the Conference should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC, in response to the

information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference which will be sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 15 June 2015, the participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speeches.

Written contributions should be submitted to Conference Services, which will then distribute them. The information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of the keynote speakers should be focused on the subject of the relevant session, thus setting the scene for the discussion at the sessions, and should stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities.

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

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

To enable delegations to prepare themselves, keynote speakers should provide a written contribution and their biographical synopsis to the CPC by 15 June 2015. In their presentations, keynote speakers should touch on the highlights of their written contribution.

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 sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion. When appropriate, moderators may call on speakers out of order to facilitate a genuine discussion.

The rapporteurs' written reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information. Personal views shall not be advanced.

Moderators and rapporteurs should seek to identify and summarise specific recommendations made in each of the sessions.

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International organizations may participate in all the sessions. They are invited to concentrate their contributions on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the relevant session.

International and regional organizations should provide factual information, useful for the participants of the ASRC, to Conference Services by 15 June 2015.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

The delegation of Latvia, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In connection with the decision of the Permanent Council on the agenda and modalities on of the Annual Security Review Conference, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

The European Union has joined consensus on this decision to ensure that this very important event can be organized in line with the tasking set by our ministers in Porto. The Annual Security Review Conference is the central event on the annual calendar of the politico-military dimension and we look forward to it. Nevertheless, we very much regret that, despite efforts by the Chairmanship and others, it was not possible to find consensus on a more detailed agenda which would have allowed us to better focus our discussions in the different sessions. In the context of the challenges to security and stability posed by Russia’s violation of Ukraine’s territorial integrity and sovereignty, the ASRC will be an opportunity to address the current crisis in and around Ukraine and emphasize the necessity of restoring respect for the fundamental OSCE commitments and founding principles and for Ukraine’s territorial integrity and sovereignty.

The resolution of the protracted conflicts in the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict remains a top priority for the EU and putting this objective high on the political agenda is of utmost importance, in order to prevent the increase of regional instability. Even if the agenda does not explicitly reflect them, it will not prevent us to address the protracted conflicts during our debate. And in this context, we expect that the annotated document to be issued by the Chairmanship in addition to the agenda will properly reflect the issue of the protracted conflicts.”

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as San Marino align themselves with this statement.

1 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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By the delegation of Moldova:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the rules and procedures of the OSCE, we would like to make the following interpretative statement.

We welcome the consensus reached this morning and the adoption by the Permanent Council of the decision on agenda and organizational modalities of the 2015 Annual Security Review Conference.

In our view, the Conference should address the most serious challenges to security and stability in the OSCE area and in particular to discuss ways to advance the settlement of the crisis in and around Ukraine based on full respect of its sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

While joining the consensus, we expect that the Conference will, also, provide the opportunity to properly address the protracted conflicts and in this regard, we hope that the Chairmanship will find the possibility to adequately reflect the issue of existing conflict in the annotated agenda it will be issuing.

I kindly request to attach this interpretative statement to the decision and to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.”

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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By the delegation of the United States of America:

“We welcome today’s adoption of the agenda of the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) and look forward to participating next week. The conference serves as the Organization’s pinnacle political-military event and allows us to discuss the unprecedented security challenges we face in the OSCE region.

Russia’s ongoing violations of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as its violations of other OSCE principles and commitments, draw increased attention to the ASRC.

We express our deep disappointment that a discussion on the resolution of the protracted conflicts was not included in the agenda. Growing tensions in the protracted conflicts, combined with regional instability stemming from Russia’s actions in Ukraine, make resolution of the protracted conflicts more important to the agenda of the OSCE now than ever before. Panelists and delegations should be prepared to discuss the protracted conflicts. We trust that the Chairmanship will make every effort to ensure that protracted conflicts are appropriately addressed at the conference. We would welcome an annotated agenda that reflects this effort.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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By the delegation of Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the decision of the Permanent Council on the agenda and organizational modalities of the Annual Security Review Conference, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Ukraine has joined consensus on the Permanent Council decision on the agenda and organizational modalities of the Annual Security Review Conference which is the primary political-military event of the OSCE in 2015. However, we very much regret that despite considerable efforts and constructive approach of our and many other delegations it was not possible to reach consensus on a more detailed title devoted to resolving the crisis around Ukraine stemming from Russia’s aggression. The proposal for a title ‘Peaceful resolution of the crisis in and around Ukraine based on respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and full implementation of international law, OSCE principles and the Minsk Agreements’, discussed at the PC Preparatory Committee on 16 June 2015 and enjoying broad support of the delegations, reflected well upon our collective approaches to resolving the crisis.

We regret that the Russian delegation refused to support this formulation.

We call on the Russian Federation to join other OSCE participating States in seeking the peaceful settlement of the crisis in and around Ukraine based on respect to Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders and full implementation of international law, OSCE principles as well as full implementation of the Minsk agreements. We call on Russia to engage in a constructive manner in the discussion at the 2015 ASRC.

We request, Mr. Chairperson, that this statement be attached to the decision adopted by the Permanent Council and included in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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By the delegation of Georgia:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Distinguished colleagues,

The Georgian delegation would like to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Let me underline that Georgia agreed to join consensus on the adoption of the agenda and organizational modalities of this year’s ASRC out of constructiveness and importance we attach to the conference.

It is our principled position that in the future, the agenda of the ASRC should clearly and unambiguously reflect all existing conflicts in the OSCE area, as they continue to pose serious threats and challenges to the security and stability of Europe. I would also like to stress that these conflicts should be resolved based on full respect of sovereignty and territorial integrity within their internationally recognized borders.

Mr. Chairperson, I request that this statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”