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AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2016
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. 1200 on the dates of the 2016 Annual Security Review Conference,

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

Decides to organize the 2016 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2016 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 28–30 June 2016

Agenda

Tuesday, 28 June 2016

- 10 a.m.–12 noon Opening session: European security quo vadis?
- 2–4 p.m. Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine
- 4–6 p.m. Working session I: Conflict situations in the OSCE area – security aspects
- 6.30 p.m. Reception

Wednesday, 29 June 2016

- 10 a.m.–12 noon Special session: Challenges arising from current migration trends
- 3–5 p.m. Working session II: Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: problems and prospects

Thursday, 30 June 2016

- 10 a.m.–12 noon Working session III: Bolstering the OSCE's conflict cycle toolbox
- 2–4 p.m. Working session IV: Countering terrorism – transnational threats in the OSCE area
- 4–4.30 p.m. Closing session

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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 the closing session. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each working session as well as the special sessions will have one moderator and one rapporteur. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will serve as co-ordinator for the preparation of the working 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 is to include the chairing of the second working session by 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.

The Communication and Media Relations Section (COMMS) will inform the press, as appropriate, and in accordance with the modalities concerning co-ordination with the OSCE Chairmanship.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials from capitals who are 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 are invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference. Consideration could be given to the possibility of inviting heads of field operations or other high-ranking OSCE officials 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 will be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing, and NGOs to send keynote speakers or 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 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 a report by the FSC chairperson. The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guests to address the Conference.

The working sessions as well as the special sessions will each concentrate on a different subject, introduced by 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 each of the sessions will address the interfaces of security and the question of co-operation with other international and regional organizations.

To promote an interactive discussion, interventions by delegations at the special and working sessions should be as concise as possible, not exceeding five minutes in length. Moderators will be asked to strictly enforce these time limits. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility of free-flowing discussions.

By 14 June 2016, participants 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.

Participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions by 14 June 2016.

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

Guidelines for keynote speakers

Contributions of keynote speakers should be focused on the subject of the relevant session, setting the scene for the subsequent discussion and stimulating 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; shorter and focussed presentations are welcome.

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 14 June 2016. In their presentations, keynote speakers should touch on the highlights of their written contribution.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

Moderators chairing the special and working sessions should facilitate and focus the debate among delegations. Moderators should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of 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 and free-flowing discussion.

The written reports provided by rapporteurs should address issues raised during the special and working sessions, covering problem areas, actual and possible improvements, suggestions made during the sessions, and other relevant information. Personal views shall not be advanced.

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

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International and regional organizations may participate in all special and working 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 14 June 2016.

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**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 the Russian Federation:

“In connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2016 Annual Security Review Conference, we should like to make the following statement.

We take the position that the Conference should provide a framework for broad dialogue on all threats to security and for reviewing the activities of the OSCE and its participating States in this area, as provided for in Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3. We trust that a substantive discussion will be organized on current European security problems, primarily those associated with the steps being taken to build up NATO’s military capabilities and strengthen the military presence and infrastructure on the Alliance’s ‘eastern flank’. We expect a frank exchange of opinions on conflict prevention and resolution in the OSCE area, including the conflict in eastern Ukraine and efforts to resolve it by political means in accordance with the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements. We look forward to a detailed discussion on increasing the OSCE’s capacity to combat international terrorism and illicit drug trafficking, and also on responding to threats emanating from outside the OSCE area, including the activities of the so-called Islamic State and the situation in Afghanistan, Syria and Libya. The upcoming discussion of the causes of and ways to resolve the unprecedented migration crisis that has engulfed the European Union countries is important in our view.

I request that this statement be appended to the Permanent Council decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day.”