



449th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 544
AGENDA, DATES AND MODALITIES OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the establishment of an Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC),

Taking into account

- The discussions on:
 - The draft agenda for the first ASRC, which will not set a precedent for future ASRCs, and
 - The dates of the first ASRC,
- Decision No. 2/03 of the Forum for Security Co-operation on its contribution to the ASRC,

Decides:

- To organize the first ASRC in accordance with the agenda and modalities contained in the Annex;
- To hold the first ASRC on 25 and 26 June 2003.

AGENDA OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

First day: 25 June 2003

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Session 1: Opening plenary session

The opening plenary session should set the stage for the ASRC by looking back over the past few years and looking forward to the challenges that the OSCE will face in the future, under the theme, "The role of the OSCE in the European security landscape".

- Opening speech by the Chairperson
- Keynote speech
- Speech by the Chairperson of the FSC, Ambassador D. Boden,
Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE
- General statements and debate

Chairperson: Ambassador D. Everts, Head of the OSCE Task Force, the Netherlands

Rapporteur: Mr. R. in den Bosch, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands

3-6 p.m. Session 2, with parallel sessions of Working Groups A and B

The detailed work of the ASRC will be conducted in four working groups, each of which will concentrate on one broad topic, introduced by one or two keynote speakers, which may be followed by a discussion of any number of relevant sub-topics that delegates may wish to raise. Each of the proposed groups below has been assigned a number of such subjects for illustrative purposes. These lists are not exhaustive. It is expected that the interface between the politico-military dimension and the other dimensions of security will be addressed in each of the groups, as will the question of co-operation with other international organizations.

Working Group A: Preventing and combating terrorism

This working group will review the implementation of OSCE commitments related to preventing and combating terrorism, such as those contained in the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism, the Bishkek Programme of Action, the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism and the Porto decision, and should evolve possible improvements through dialogue. The review might include border controls, institutional road maps, intra-OSCE co-ordination, the implementation of the recommendations by the OECD Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering, and improvement of the implementation of FSC documents such as the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

Co-ordinator: Ambassador K. Bringéus, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE
Rapporteur: Colonel P. Ryan, Military Adviser of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE
Keynote speakers: (to be followed)

Working Group B: Comprehensive security

This working group will review the contribution of various OSCE instruments to security and stability in the OSCE area, in particular politico-military instruments. The review might include particular contributions of the FSC, as well as that of existing arms control agreements/treaties, including regional agreements, to security.

Co-ordinator: Ambassador Z. Mazi, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE
Rapporteur: Ms. D. Phelan, Mission of the United States of America to the OSCE
Keynote speakers: (to be followed)

Second day: 26 June 2003

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Session 3, with parallel sessions of Working Groups C and D

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Working Group C: Security risks and challenges across the OSCE region

This working group will review the security situation in the OSCE area. This review may include the nature of threats emerging in the twenty-first century, regional issues and police-related activities of the OSCE.

Co-ordinator: Ambassador Ö. Orhun, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE
Rapporteur: Colonel N. Jovanović, Military Adviser of the Permanent Mission of Serbia and Montenegro to the OSCE
Keynote speakers: (to be followed)

Working Group D: Conflict prevention and crisis management

This working group will review the contributions of the core activities of the OSCE to conflict prevention and crisis management. The review might include the Organization's instruments and mechanisms, as well as security issues related to field operations and institutions.

Co-ordinator: Ambassador H. Reimann, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE
Rapporteur: Mrs. H. Zvonková, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the OSCE
Keynote speakers: (to be followed)

3-6 p.m. Session 4: Closing plenary session

In the last plenary session, delegations, including representatives sent by governments, will hold a general debate on the results of the working groups. Therefore, the programme should include:

- Reports of the working groups;
- General debate;
- Chairperson's perception of recommendations made at the conference;
- Closing remarks.

Chairperson: Ambassador J. de Visser, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the OSCE, Chairperson of the Permanent Council
Rapporteur: Colonel P. Gorissen, Senior Military Adviser of the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE

MODALITIES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Programme

First day: 25 June 2003

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Session 1: opening plenary session

3-6 p.m. Session 2, with parallel sessions of Working Groups A and B

Second day: 26 June 2003

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Session 3, with parallel sessions of Working Groups C and D

3-6 p.m. Session 4: closing plenary session

Organizational modalities

The opening and closing plenary sessions will be chaired by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the opening and closing plenary sessions.

Each working group will have a designated co-ordinator and a 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 and written report to the closing plenary session. Written reports can be distributed afterwards.

The rapporteur's report should address issues raised during the respective working session, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information. After each oral report, the co-ordinator should be ready to answer questions. Delegations are encouraged to comment on or add to the reports presented by the rapporteurs.

Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be followed at the conference.

Interpretation into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided.

Invitations

OSCE institutions and/or bodies to be invited to participate are the Secretary General, the Conflict Prevention Centre, the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the High Commissioner on National Minorities, the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and the Parliamentary Assembly.

The Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation will be invited to attend.

Other international organizations that have a close practical working relationship with the OSCE to be invited are the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Council of Europe and other relevant organizations.

Security-related scientific institutes or 'think tanks' of international standing could be considered to be invited as keynote speakers or otherwise be represented as members of national delegations.

The OSCE Secretariat, including the CPC, is requested to provide factual information to the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE by 1 June 2003.

The Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE will distribute written contributions to delegations in the first week of June. The information could also include contributions of OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate. Information that is available on the OSCE Delegate's Website will not be distributed.

The Secretariat will send out a circular note to invite participating States to inform the Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC by 1 June 2003.

The press will be informed by the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE, as appropriate.

General guidelines for participants

The detailed work of the ASRC will be conducted in four Working Groups, each of which will concentrate on one broad topic, introduced by one or more keynote speakers, which may be followed by a discussion of any number of relevant sub-topics that delegates may wish to raise. Each of the working groups mentioned in the agenda, has been assigned a number of such subjects for illustrative purposes. These lists are not exhaustive. It is expected that the interface between the politico-military dimension and the other dimensions of security will be addressed in each of the groups, as will the question of co-operation with other international organizations.

Guidelines for keynote speakers at the First Annual Security Review Conference

General guidelines

Keynote speakers should follow the general guidelines indicated for all speakers.

Keynote speakers should have a good knowledge of the OSCE.

Maximum available speaking time is 20 minutes per keynote speaker; where there are two keynote speakers in the same session, the total maximum is 30 minutes.

The contribution of a keynote speaker should set the scene for the discussion in the working group.

The contributions of keynote speakers should stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations that are founded on OSCE realities.

The contributions of the keynote speakers should be focused on the subject and should be concrete.

They should dedicate part of their speech, and/or written contribution to the enhancement of the security dialogue on work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States.

To enable delegations to prepare themselves, keynote speakers should provide a written contribution to the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE by 1 June 2003.

In their presentations, keynote speakers should address the highlights of their contribution.

Specific guidelines

Opening plenary session: The role of the OSCE in the European security landscape

The keynote speaker should set the scene for the whole of the conference.

Delegations should follow the rules of procedure of the Permanent Council and limit their interventions to five minutes.

Working Group A: Preventing and combating terrorism

Keynote speakers should review the implementation of commitments under the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism, the Bishkek Programme of Action, the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Decision No. 1 of the Ministerial Council Meeting in Porto on implementing the OSCE commitments and activities on combating terrorism. This review should include activities undertaken and possible concrete improvements.

Working Group B: Comprehensive security

The keynote speakers should examine the role of the web of OSCE and other arms control/confidence- and security-building instruments, and their contribution to evolving security and stability in the OSCE area.

Working Group C: Security risks and challenges across the OSCE region

The Chairperson of the Informal Open-ended Group of Friends of the Chair on the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century will present the status of developments.

The keynote speaker should review the potential contribution that the OSCE might make to the response to risks and challenges.

Working Group D: Conflict prevention and crisis management

The keynote speakers should review and assess the implementation of OSCE instruments used in conflict prevention and crisis management on the basis of one or more specific situations, without singling out a particular nation.

Guidelines for co-ordinators

The co-ordinator chairs the working group session.

The co-ordinator should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations.

The co-ordinator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the working group, if appropriate, in order to broaden the scope of the discussion, including the interface with other dimensions.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines for participation of other international organizations

Factual information useful for the participants of the ASRC should be provided to the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE by 1 June 2003 and should not be brought to the attention of participants during the Conference.

These organizations may be represented at the opening and plenary sessions.

These organizations may participate in the working group sessions and should concentrate their contributions on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE.

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Attachment 1

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Azerbaijan on behalf of the GUUAM States:

“On behalf of the GUUAM States Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, I would like to make the following interpretative statement in connection with the decision just adopted by the Permanent Council.

Our countries have joined the consensus in view of the special importance they attach to the first Annual Security Review Conference, acting furthermore in the spirit of co-operation which should be an indispensable feature of all OSCE endeavours. We expect this co-operation to be reciprocated both by the OSCE Chairmanship and our OSCE partners in future work aimed at implementing the tasks assigned by the Porto Ministerial Council meeting.

With regard to the consultation process that preceded the adoption of this decision, we wish to express our regret over the way the Dutch Chairmanship chose to handle the differences arising over the issue of inviting international organizations to the first ASRC in the text of the aforesaid PC decision. Taking sides by not taking into account the views of our Delegations, as well as lack of transparency and inclusiveness during consultations which, *inter alia*, resulted in misunderstandings among the participating States - all these are factors which have obviously not contributed to creating a constructive and businesslike atmosphere on the eve of the first Annual Security Review Conference. We hope that there will be no further instances of such practice by the Chair in the remaining period of time before the Maastricht Ministerial Council.

In conclusion, we reiterate that the decision adopted as a whole does not set a precedent for future ASRCs or for any other OSCE meetings, either procedurally or substantively.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day”.

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Attachment 2

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 79
(CHAPTER 6) OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of the Russian Federation:

“We should like once more to confirm our position that the organizational arrangements adopted today for the holding of the first Annual Security Review Conference must not be taken to constitute a precedent either for subsequent Conferences or for the work of other forums and meetings of the OSCE to which other international organizations might be invited. We firmly believe in the need to observe the established procedure under which agreement on the list of international organizations to be invited must remain the exclusive prerogative of the Permanent Council.

We ask that this interpretative statement be attached to the Journal of the Day.”