
693rd Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

5 and 6 March 2013

Vienna Document:

- (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.*
- (149) *Before the conclusion of each year's meeting the participating States will normally agree upon the agenda and dates for the subsequent year's meeting. Lack of agreement will not constitute sufficient reason to extend a meeting, unless otherwise agreed. Agenda and dates may, if necessary, be agreed between meetings.*
- (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.*
- (150.4) *Participating States which, for whatever reason, have not exchanged annual information according to this document and have not provided an explanation under the FSC announcing and reminding mechanism, will during the meeting explain the reasons why and provide an expected date for their full compliance with this commitment.*

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 5 March 2013

- 10–11 a.m. Opening session
- Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson
 - Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC
 - Presentation of a summary report and of the report on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)
 - General statements
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI) and the Vienna Document Preamble and Chapters I to III: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions
- GEMI
 - Vienna Document
 - Preamble
 - Annual exchange of information
 - (i) Information on military forces
 - (ii) Data relating to major weapons and equipment and systems
 - (iii) Information on plans for the deployment of major weapon and equipment systems
 - Defence planning
 - (i) Exchange of information
 - (ii) Clarification, review and dialogue
 - Risk reduction
 - (i) Mechanism for consultation and co-operation as regards unusual military activities
 - (ii) Co-operation as regards hazardous incidents of a military nature
 - (iii) Voluntary hosting of visits to dispel concern about military activities
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–5 p.m. Working session 1 continued if necessary

Working session 2: Implementation of the Vienna Document,
Chapter IV to XII: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions

- Contacts
 - (i) Visits to air bases
 - (ii) Programme of military contact and co-operation
 - (iii) Military contacts, military co-operation
 - (iv) Demonstration of new types of major weapons and equipments systems
 - (v) Provision of information on contacts
- Military activities
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities
 - (ii) Observation of certain military activities
 - (iii) Annual calendars
 - (iv) Constraining provisions
- Compliance and verification
 - (i) Inspection
 - (ii) Evaluation
- Regional measures
- Communications Network

Wednesday, 6 March 2013

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2 continued if necessary

Working session 3: Suggestions aiming at the improvement of the
implementation of CSBMs

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–4 p.m. Working session 3 continued

4.30–6 p.m. Closing session

- Discussion
- Possible recommendations on the dates and the agenda and modalities of the 2014 AIAM
- Concluding remarks
- Closure

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will have opening and closing sessions and working sessions dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (I). The indicative timetable provides greater detail.
2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC will be held on Monday, 4 March 2013 at 3 p.m. The working hours of the AIAM will be on the first day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. and on the second day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 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 2012 AIAM by Finland. The chair of the opening session and working sessions will be held by France. The chair of the closing session will be held by Georgia.
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 presentations 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. To serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators, the CPC will circulate no later than 7 February 2013:
 - The revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2012.
 - A summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document and other measures;
 - A summary report on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres.
7. All working sessions will have one designated co-ordinator and one rapporteur throughout. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate and follow the discussion, while the immediate task of the rapporteurs will be to present a brief written summary report for use by the Chairperson of the closing session.
8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions in order to facilitate discussion in their working sessions no later than 15 February 2013. They will be supported

by the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed. The co-ordinators are also encouraged to focus discussions on suggestions that might be supported by the delegations.

9. 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 1 February 2013. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for each working session will be made known to all delegations no later than 8 February 2013.

10. At the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing session will report to the FSC on the AIAM. Within one month after the AIAM the Chairperson will provide the consolidated summary containing the Chair's statements and presentations of the opening session, the reports of the rapporteurs of the working sessions and the Chair's closing remarks. Prior to publication the rapporteurs are encouraged to circulate the draft of their reports to the delegations of those participating States that contributed to the relevant working session. 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.

11. 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.

12. Before the conclusion of the 2013 AIAM, the participating States are encouraged to consider recommendations for the agenda and dates for the 2014 AIAM. The agenda, modalities and dates of the 2014 AIAM should be adopted by a decision in the FSC before the end of 2013.

13. The Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend all sessions of the 2013 AIAM.