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DECISION No. 420 AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE SEMINAR ON PREVENTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE OSCE: EXPERIENCE, POSSIBILITIES, TASKS

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the proposal of Ukraine to host such a Seminar,

Decides to hold the OSCE Seminar on Preventive Functions of the OSCE: Experience, Possibilities, Tasks in Kiev, Ukraine, on 8 and 9 October 2001;

Agrees on the agenda and organizational modalities of the Seminar, as contained in the Annex.

AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE SEMINAR ON PREVENTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE OSCE: EXPERIENCE, POSSIBILITIES, TASKS

(Kiev, 8 and 9 October 2001)

I. Indicative Agenda

Monday, 8 October 2001

9.30 a.m. Opening Session

Chairperson: Ambassador Ján Kubiš, OSCE Secretary General

9.30-10 a.m. Address by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine,

H.E. A. Zlenko

Address by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office or his representative

10 a.m. Session 1: The nature of conflict prevention

Moderator: Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine or

Institute for Strategic Studies

Rapporteur: Representative of a participating State

Keynote introductions followed by discussion

- What conflict prevention tools are available to the international community?
 - Representative of an academic or research institution
- Human, politico-military, economic and environmental dimensions of conflict prevention in the OSCE
 - Speaker to be determined
- Addressing instability factors linked to transition
 - Representative of the World Bank
- Understanding conflict risks and channelling them into policy: Does the OSCE possess adequate mechanisms?
 - Representative of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for Negotiations under Article V of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Discussion

11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.45 a.m.-1 p.m. Discussion continues

3 p.m. Session 2: Roles and specificities of international organizations

Moderator: OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Keynote introductions followed by discussion

Conflict prevention and peace-building in the OSCE area: roles of multilateral institutions

Contributions by:

- Representative of the United Nations Department for Political Affairs
- Representative of the EU Council Secretariat
- Representative of the Council of Europe
- Representative of the OSCE

Discussion

4.15 p.m. Coffee break

4.45-5.30 p.m. Discussion continues

Tuesday, 9 October 2001

9.30 a.m. Session 3: The need for a co-ordinated approach

Moderator: Representative of Sweden

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State

Keynote introductions followed by discussion

- Co-operation between the OSCE and other international organizations
 - Representative of Belgium
- Role of international financial institutions in conflict prevention
 - Representative of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Role of subregional co-operation
 - Representative of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation
- Co-operation with NGOs in conflict prevention
 - Representative of an NGO

Discussion

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10.45 a.m. Coffee break

11.15 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Discussion continues

12.30 p.m. Conclusions and lessons learned

Chair: Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office/Romania

- Summaries by session rapporteurs

- Closing remarks by a representative of Ukraine

1 p.m. Closure of the Seminar

II. Organizational Modalities

Participation

- 1. Representatives from participating States are invited to participate.
- 2. Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in and contribute to the proceedings of the Seminar.
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- 4. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to attend and to contribute to the proceedings of the Seminar: United Nations, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE), United Nations University, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Council of Europe, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), World Bank, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Black Sea Economic Co-operation (BSEC), European Union (EU), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Treaty on Collective Security, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe Cooperation Process (SEECP).
- 5. NGO representatives may attend and participate in accordance with OSCE rules (advance notification required).
- 6. OSCE Secretariat staff, as well as staff of OSCE institutions and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will participate as appropriate.

Timetable and other organizational modalities

- 1. The Seminar will be conducted in three sessions, in addition to opening and closing sessions, on 8 and 9 October 2001.
- 2. The opening session will be chaired by the OSCE Secretary General or his representative. The representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office will conclude the Seminar. Each working session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The consolidated summary, prepared by the OSCE Secretariat, will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.
- The working languages will be English and Russian. At the request of the host State 3. and at its expense interpretation may also be provided to and from other languages.
- 4. The keynote speakers will be requested to provide their speaking notes or statements in writing in advance. Duration of interventions (except for the opening session) should be limited to 10 minutes.
- 5. Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.
- 6. Other rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis* mutandis, to the Seminar.
- Information about transportation and accommodation as well as visa requirements will 7. be announced at a later stage.