



573rd Plenary Meeting

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TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

(Ljubljana, 5 and 6 December 2005)

I. Timetable

Monday, 5 December 2005

- 9.30 a.m. Formal opening
- Address by the host country
- Address by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
- First plenary session
- 12.45 p.m. Family photo
- 1 p.m. Working lunch for the ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegation
- 1 p.m. Luncheon for members of delegations
- 3 p.m. Second plenary session
- 6 p.m. End of session
- 8.30 p.m. Official dinner for ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegation
- Separate dinner for other members of delegations

Tuesday, 6 December 2005

9. 30 a.m. Third plenary session

Adoption of Ministerial Council documents

Formal closure of the Thirteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council

1.30 p.m. Press conference of the OSCE Troika ministers

II. Organizational modalities

1. The Thirteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be conducted in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Helsinki 1992, Budapest 1994, Lisbon 1996 and Istanbul 1999 Summit Meetings. The opening and concluding sessions will be open to NGOs, the press and the public.

All the other sessions, with the exception of those dealing with agenda items which are subject to discussion and possible decision, will be broadcast live in all six OSCE languages to the Media Centre and the NGO Centre by closed-circuit television.

Delegations of participating States will be provided with a total of eight seats — one at the table, four behind and three in the auditorium. The European Union (EU) will have one additional seat next to the participating State holding the EU Presidency.

Seats will be reserved for invited organizations, institutions and countries.

2. The Meeting will be chaired by the Chairman-in-Office. In order to ensure that work on the entire agenda can be completed, no statement should exceed five minutes. The order of the statements to be made by the representatives of the participating States will be established by the drawing of lots.

3. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to attend and address the Meeting.

4. Afghanistan, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and Thailand (Partners for Co-operation) will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions.

5. Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia (Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation) will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions.

6. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions:

United Nations, Council of Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe.

The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to attend the Meeting and, if they so wish, make written contributions:

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, African Union, Arab League, Asian Development Bank, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum, Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Commonwealth of Independent States, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of the Baltic Sea States, Economic Co-operation Organization, Euro-Asian Economic Commonwealth, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Europol, Financial Action Task Force, GUAM, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Court, International Criminal Police Organization, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, South East European Co-operation Process, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Bank.

7. The Meeting will be held at the Commercial Fairground in Ljubljana.

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Activities in parallel to the Ministerial Council

The day before the Thirteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, 4 December 2005, the OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers for foreign affairs of the Partners for Co-operation will have a meeting at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting between the OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers for foreign affairs of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation at 7 p.m.

The organizational modalities foreseen for the Thirteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council will not apply to the parallel activities.