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DECISION No. 1529
DATES, AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2026 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the Annual Security Review Conference,

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

Decides:

1. That the 2026 Annual Security Review Conference will take place in Vienna on 17 and 18 June 2026;

2. To organize the 2026 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

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Annex 1

2026 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 17 and 18 June 2026

Agenda

Wednesday, 17 June 2026

10–11 a.m.	Opening session
11 a.m.–12 noon	Special session: Security situation in the OSCE area
12 noon–3 p.m.	Lunch break
3–5 p.m.	Special session (continued): Security situation in the OSCE area

Thursday, 18 June 2026

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Special session (continued): Security situation in the OSCE area
12.30 p.m.–1 p.m.	Closing session

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ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2026 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 17 and 18 June 2026

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 the security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, as well as 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 Chairman-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

The special session will have a moderator and a rapporteur.

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will contribute to the Conference in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences.

The ASRC will be subject to the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE. The guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at all the sessions.

Following the Conference, the Chairman-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report of the Conference's proceedings.

The Communication and Media Relations Section (COMMS) will inform the press, as appropriate, and will work in close co-ordination with the 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 Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC). The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are also invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference.

The Chairmanship may restrict the size of delegations to take account of space restrictions.

The Chairmanship may invite security-related international organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

The Chairmanship will give consideration to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing and NGOs to be represented as members of national delegations.

The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guests to address the Conference.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in sessions. The opening session will include welcoming remarks by the Chairmanship-in-Office and is intended to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions during the special session.

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

In accordance with the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference sent out by the OSCE Secretariat, participants should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC by 9 June 2026.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

Moderators should facilitate and foster the debate among delegations. Moderators should facilitate the discussion by introducing items strictly related to the subject of the session.

Following the Conference, the written reports provided by rapporteurs should address issues raised during the sessions, covering suggestions elaborated during the sessions and other relevant information. Personal views will not be accepted as part of the reports.

Moderators and rapporteurs should identify and summarize specific recommendations advanced during the sessions.