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**DECISION No. 847
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE OSCE EXPERT CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL
CO-OPERATION TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN
ILLICIT DRUGS AND CHEMICAL PRECURSORS**

The Permanent Council,

In implementation of its Decision No. 813 on combating the threat of illicit drugs and precursors endorsed by Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/07,

Taking into account its Decision No. 843 on the dates of the OSCE Expert Conference on International Co-operation to Combat Trafficking in Illicit Drugs and Chemical Precursors,

Approves the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the above-mentioned Expert Conference contained in the annex to this decision;

Tasks the Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU) and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) with developing, in co-operation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and other relevant international institutions, a detailed annotated agenda for the OSCE Expert Conference on International Co-operation to Combat Trafficking in Illicit Drugs and Chemical Precursors.

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Vienna, 17 and 18 July 2008

I. Agenda and timetable

Thursday, 17 July 2008

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| 2.30–3 p.m. | Opening session |
| 3–5.30 p.m. | Session 1: Countering illicit trafficking in Afghan opiates in the OSCE area |
| | — Discussion |
| 5.30–6.30 p.m. | Reception — Hofburg |

Friday, 18 July 2008

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| 9–10.30 a.m. | Session 2: Combating synthetic drugs and precursors in the OSCE area |
| 10.30–11 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | Session 2: Combating synthetic drugs and precursors in the OSCE area (continued) |
| | — Discussion |
| 12.30–2 p.m. | Lunch provided at the Hofburg |
| 2–4.30 p.m. | Session 3: International and regional co-operation in fighting illicit drugs trafficking and supply |
| | — Discussion |
| 4.30–5 p.m. | Closing session |

II. Organizational Modalities

The opening session will be chaired by the Senior Police Adviser.

Each of the working sessions will have an additional moderator and the SPMU will provide rapporteurs.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Expert Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the OSCE official languages (English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish).

A comprehensive report on the Expert Conference will be distributed by the Secretary General no later than six weeks after the Expert Conference.

The press will be informed by the Press and Public Information Section (PPIS), as appropriate. In view of the sensitivity of the issues to be discussed, proceedings of the Expert Conference will not be open to the general public or to the media.

III. Participation

Three-member delegations from participating States will be invited and will ideally include officials and practitioners from the participating States who are directly involved in international co-operation in fighting the threat of illicit drugs and chemical precursors.

Vienna-based delegates from OSCE participating States are also welcome to attend.

Relevant OSCE institutions will be invited to the Expert Conference as will the Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Other international organizations, involved in international co-operation in fighting the threat of illicit drugs will also be invited.

Guidelines for speakers

To facilitate discussion within time constraints, presentations will be limited to 15–20 minutes and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences in international and regional co-operation in fighting the production of and trafficking in illicit drugs and to identify needs and ways of possible improvement in this area, and to utilize panel experts as resources for enhancing legal co-operation in fighting illicit drugs.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements in the opening session and interventions in the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes.

Guidelines regarding deadlines for submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information

By 1 July 2008, the participants in the Expert Conference should, via their national delegations only, inform the SPMU of the composition of their delegations in response to the invitation that will have been sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 10 July 2008, participating States and other participants in the Expert Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to the SPMU, which will then distribute them. This information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.

The OSCE Secretariat will not be in a position to translate written contributions; only conference proceedings will be simultaneously interpreted into the OSCE official languages, as mentioned above.