
12th meeting of the Co-ordination Group between the Council of Europe and the OSCE (Vienna, 22 October 2010)

Introduction

The twelfth meeting of the Co-ordination Group set up in December 2004 between the Council of Europe and the OSCE took place on 22 October 2010 at the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the OSCE in Vienna.

The list of participants is set out in Appendix 1.

The report drawn up at the close of the meeting appears in Appendix 2.

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Appendix 1 - List of participants

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Committee of Ministers

Chairmanship of the Ministers' Deputies:

Amb. Vladimir RISTOVSKI, *Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies, Permanent Representative of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" to the Council of Europe*

Chairman of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations (GR-EXT):

Amb. Joseph LICARI, *Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe*

Council of Europe Focal Points

The fight against trafficking in human beings

Amb. Zurab TCHIABERASHVILI, *Thematic Co-ordinator on Equality and Trafficking (TC-ET), Permanent Representative of Georgia to the Council of Europe*

The fight against terrorism

Amb. Emil KUCHAR, *Chairman of the Rapporteur Group on Legal Co-operation (GR-J), Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the Council of Europe (Apologised)*

Council of Europe Secretariat

Ms Marta REQUENA, *Head of Public International Law and Anti-Terrorism Division, Head of Counter Terrorism task Force, Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law*

Ms Albina OVCEARENCO, *Administrator, Counter-Terrorism Task Force, Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law*

Mr Denis BRIBOSIA, *Administrator, Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers*

Ms Anguelina PROKHOROVA, *Administrator, Directorate of External Relations*

OSCE

OSCE Troika

Kazakhstan (Chairperson-in-Office)

Amb. Kairat ABDRAKHMANOV, *Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE*

Mr Talgat ZHUMAGULOV, *First Secretary of the Permanent Mission to the OSCE*

Lithuania (Incoming Chair)

Mr Andrius KRIVAS, *Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the OSCE*

Greece (Outgoing Chair)

Mr Dionyssios KYVETOS, *Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Greece to the OSCE*

OSCE Focal Points

Fight against trafficking in human beings

Ms Maria Grazia GIAMMARINARO, *Special Representative and Co-ordinator on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings*

The fight against terrorism

Mr Raphael PERL, *Head on Anti-Terrorism Issues*

Mr Dimitar JALNEV, *Programme Co-ordinator, Action against Terrorism Unit*

OSCE Secretariat

Mr Alexander KREZ, *External Co-operation Officer*

Appendix 2

Report by the Chairs

1. The twelfth meeting of the Co-ordination Group between the Council of Europe and the OSCE was held on 22 October 2010 in Vienna. The meeting was chaired by Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council and co-chaired by Ambassador Vladimir Ristovski, Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies of the Council of Europe. The OSCE delegation included representatives of the OSCE Troika, of two OSCE focal points and representatives of the Secretariat. The Council of Europe delegation was composed of the Chairman of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations of the Ministers' Deputies, the Council of Europe focal points and representatives of the Secretariat.
2. The Group reviewed the progress of co-operation between the Council of Europe and the OSCE in two of the four areas of enhanced co-operation: the fight against terrorism and the fight against trafficking in human beings over the past year, since the 10th Meeting of the Co-ordination Group, which was held in Strasbourg on 11 September 2009. In the light of the joint reports presented by the Council of Europe and the OSCE focal points in these two areas, the Group welcomed the progress made on co-operation during the reporting period.
3. Regarding the fight against terrorism, the Group noted with satisfaction that co-operation and mutual contribution to each other's activities in the traditional areas of international co-operation² had become embedded in the working procedures of both organisations. It also welcomed the expansion of co-operation into new areas such as the promotion of public-private partnerships (PPPs) in the fight against terrorism, the role of the media in preventing and combating terrorism, countering terrorist use of the Internet and enhancing cyber security.
4. Looking ahead, the Group noted that the OSCE strategic discussions under the Corfu Process, the Review Conference and the expected outcome of the OSCE Summit on 1-2 December 2010 as well as the recent setting-up of the follow-up mechanism for the effective use and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196) call for the fostering of co-operation between the two organisations on issues related to the prevention of terrorism in order to create synergies in this area and avoid duplication of activities.
5. In the field of action against human trafficking, the Group welcomed the outcome of the meeting held on 22 June 2010 between the President and the First Vice-President of GRETA on the one hand and the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings on the other hand with a view to further improving co-ordination of the two organisations' respective activities and to increase their impact.
6. The Group welcomed the new impetus given to the co-operation in the context of the "Thematic Debate on Partnerships among International Organisations Active in the Field of Trafficking in Human Beings: Need for Co-ordinated Action", organised on 13 September 2010 on the occasion of the 4th meeting of the Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.
7. The Group stressed the importance of co-operation in the formats that have already been developed in the field of trafficking against human beings, which include the Co-ordination Group; various meetings between the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the President of GRETA and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; the meetings of the *Alliance against Trafficking in Persons* and its Experts Co-ordination Team hosted by the Special Representative; other informal meetings at the expert level when necessary; regular communications and exchange of information between the respective secretariats of the two organisations.

² Such as international legal co-operation in criminal matters related to terrorism, combating financing of terrorism and money laundering as well as the protection of human rights while fighting terrorism.

8. The Group identified specific fields of co-operation between the two organisations, including awareness raising and advocacy, assistance to member states/participating states in the implementation of their anti-trafficking commitments, assessment and monitoring of the efficiency of anti-trafficking policies and agreed on the need to increase the impact of international activities.
9. The Group encouraged the focal points to follow closely developments that will take place in both organisations – in particular in the aftermath of the OSCE Summit on 1-2 December 2010 – with a view to identifying new avenues of co-operation.
10. In conclusion, the Group decided to meet in Strasbourg in the first half of 2011 to examine the co-operation concerning the protection of the rights of persons belonging to national minorities and the promotion of tolerance and non-discrimination. Finally, it was recalled that this report will be submitted to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the OSCE Permanent Council in due course.