PRELIMINARY AGENDA

High-level Tripartite Meeting between the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the United Nations

Palais des Nations, Council Chamber
Wednesday, 3 June 2009

Preventing conflicts through the strengthening of democratic institutions: enhancing democratic governance and institutions to reconcile interests and promote non-violent resolution of conflict

10:00-10:30 Welcome coffee

10:30-11:00 Opening session
• statement by the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva
• statement by the Secretary General of the OSCE
• statement by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

11:00-13:00 First working session: Institutions of democracy and conflict prevention
Issues to address could include the promotion of democratic elections and its role in conflict prevention, good governance, including protection of human rights, and the role of conflict prevention mechanisms.

13:00-14:30 Working luncheon for all participants

14:45-16:15 Second working session: Inclusive democracy and conflict prevention
Issues to consider could include developing capacity for inclusive democracy (at local, regional and national levels), including facilitating equal participation of women and men in political life and institutions, dialogue with NGOs in conflict prevention, and mechanisms for reconciling interests and protecting the rights of minorities.

16:30-17:00 Closing session with brief statements by the three partner organizations, with adoption of the Joint Communiqué and designation of 2010 Chair

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