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8TH ASEM CONFERENCE ON COUNTER-TERRORISM

Brussels 10-11th June 2010

Concept Paper

1. Background

At the seventh ASEM Conference on Counter-Terrorism in Manila in June 2009, the Chair's Summary on the Conference stated that the 8th ASEM Conference on Counter-Terrorism will be held in Europe in 2010 and that results of the Conference will be presented to the next ASEM Summit, in Brussels, Belgium in 2010.

Europe and Asia share a common endeavour to combat international terrorism. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted in 2006 is an action plan that guides the international community and the ASEM partners to take the necessary steps to enhance cooperation and to prevent and combat terrorism.

The EU Member States and European Institutions have continued their joint efforts to further improve mechanisms, means and coordination to combat terrorism in the European Union, to protect citizens and safeguard the society and the values by implementing the European Union Counter-Terrorism Strategy in its four main pillars: prevent, protect, pursue and respond, and they have increased international cooperation on these issues.

ASEM partners have committed themselves to prevent and combat terrorism, and some have had extensive experience in dealing with the common threat. Other partners have suffered from continued attacks.

2. Objectives

The general objective of the conferences is to continue the dialogue between ASEM partners on measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, measures to prevent and combat terrorism, measures to build States' capacity, and

measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism.

Specific objectives of this Conference are:

- To share experiences in the areas of counter terrorism in the light of recent terrorist incidents;
- To discuss the future of international cooperation, including in the fields of
 - exchange of information and intelligence,
 - support of the victims of terrorism,
 - current work on aviation and maritime security, and
 - security-related research;
- To define areas where further capacity building projects could be necessary and should be encouraged.

3. The 8th ASEM Conference on Counter-Terrorism

The 8th ASEM Conference on Counter-Terrorism will be held in Brussels on the 10th and 11th of June 2010.

Draft Agenda

Date	Time	Content
June 10	13:30-14:00	Registration
	14:00-14:20	Opening statements
	14:20-16:00	First Session
	16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
	16:15-18:00	Second Session
	19:00-	Dinner hosted by the Belgian Foreign Ministry
June 11	09:00-11:00	Panel Discussion
		Panel Discussion 2
	11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
	11:15-12:30	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of Chair Panel 1 • Report of Chair Panel 2 • Observations on closing Chair's statement
	13:00	Lunch hosted by the Belgian Foreign Ministry

The participant

s to the Conference will be senior government officials and experts engaged in the fight against terrorism from ASEM member countries. The Conference is not open to a general public or to the press.

The language of the interventions and discussions will be English.

The subjects for the panel discussions will be defined in the near future.

Participants are expected to bear the expenses for travelling and accommodation.

The Counter terrorism Coordinator of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will coordinate the preparations of the Conference.

