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Program

Podium and Oral History Workshop

The CSCE/OSCE experience as a model for today's world

February 22/23, 2007

Thursday, February 22, 2006 – **Sala Terrena, Austrian National
Defence Academy (LVAK), Stiftgasse 2a, 1070 Vienna**

18:00 **Podium** (public)

The CSCE-process has played an important part in overcoming the Cold War in Europe. How was this possible and what are the lessons of this historical experience? Can the CSCE/OSCE-model be a concept for other regions in today's world?

Welcome: Otmar Höll (OIIP), General Raimund Schittenhelm (LVAK)

Keynote: Bot. Margit Wästfelt

Chair: Erwin A. Schmidl (LVAK)

Introductory remarks: Thomas Fischer (OIIP)

Speakers:

Jaakko Iloniemi (former head of Finnish CSCE-delegation)

Hans-Jörg Renk (former member of Swiss CSCE-delegation)

Franz Ceska (BMWA, former head of the Austrian CSCE-delegation)

Dov Lynch (Senior Advisor to the Secretary General of the OSCE)

20:00 Reception (sponsored by the Swiss Delegation to the OSCE)

Friday, February 23, 2006 – **OIIP Library, Operngasse 20B, 1040 Vienna**

09:30-17:30 **Oral History Workshop** (closed seminar) – **The historical experience of the neutral and non-aligned states in the CSCE**

The CSCE provided the neutral and non-aligned states with a unique opportunity to participate in talks on the core issues of European security and cross-block relations. It also was the only time the neutral and non-aligned states acted as a group in international negotiations. What was the role of these states? How come they played such a prominent role in the CSCE-process? What were their common interests and positions and what could they achieve?

09:30-11:00 **Panel 1:** 1969-1973, The Finnish CSCE-initiative and Multilateral Preparatory Talks at Dipoli, Helsinki

Franz Ceska
Hans-Jörg Renk
Paavo Keisalo
Andreas Oplatka

Coffee break

11:30-13:00 **Panel 2:** 1973-1975, Geneva Negotiations and Helsinki Summit (Part 1)

Jaakko Iloniemi
Göran Berg
Hans-Jörg Renk
Franz Ceska

Lunch break

14:00-15:30 **Panel 3:** 1973-1975, Geneva Negotiations and Helsinki Summit (Part 2)

Felix Mikl
Walter Siegl
Markku Reimaa
Kerstin Asp-Johnsson
Vladimir Bilandzic

Coffee break

16:00-17:30 **Panel 4:** 1977-1983, Follow-up meetings in Belgrade and Madrid

Franz Ceska
Markku Reimaa
Vladimir Bilandzic
Spencer Oliver

19:00 Farewell dinner

Issues for discussion

Panel 1:

- Reactions to the Finnish CSCE-Initiative of 5 May 1969
- The mission of Finnish roving ambassador Ralph Enckell (1970-71)
- The Austrian Memorandum of 24 July 1970 (proposing expert level talks as alternative for Ambassadors tea party in Helsinki, offering Vienna as a venue for these talks; demand to include MBFR on conference agenda)
- Kreisky's proposal to include the Middle East conflict on the agenda of Security Conference (25 January 1971)
- The Swiss proposal for an obligatory system for the peaceful settlement of disputes (15 July 1970)
- Swedish proposal on military aspects of security and armament control (July 1970)
- Opening of the Multilateral Preparatory Talks (MPT's) 22 Nov. 1972, organisation of the work (Finnish chairmanship/vice-chairman rotating)
- Development of conference agenda (creation of the basket-concept) December 1972-January 1973
- Creation of Mini-groups in March 1973 in order to draft documents (chaired by the N+N)
- Discussions on "inviolability of frontiers" (March 1973)
- Discussions on the venue for the Conference proper for stages 1, 2, and 3 (Helsinki, Geneva, Vienna, Stockholm?) May 1973

Panel 2

- Swedish demand for transparency in defence budget spending (Oct. 1973)
- Formation of the group of neutral states as a reaction to negative attitude of France and USSR to link MBFR-talks in Vienna with CSCE
- Drafting of the principles of the Decalogue
- N+N-proposal on Confidence Building Measures presented by Sweden (20 Feb. 1974)
- Impact of international turmoil and changes (Watergate, Death of Pompidou, retirement of Brandt, Greece, Cyprus) on CSCE
- Yugoslav proposal on minority rights and Austrian-Yugoslavian collaboration in the light of bilateral problems (autumn 1974)
- Basket II, the forgotten basket

Panel 3

- Drafting of the provisions for Basket III (Feb./March 1973), impact of the neutrals
- Austrian and Swiss proposals on co-operation of broadcast companies and on working conditions for journalists
- Drafting of the principle of non-intervention and the preamble for basket III (N+N Package deal summer 1974)
- Deadlock of the Conference in Autumn 1974
- Swedish proposal on creation of a working group on the organization of the final documents of the Conference and preparation for Stage III (21 Feb. 1975), Work in the co-ordinating committee
- Definition of CBM parameters (April 1975 onwards)

- Follow-up to the Conference

Panel 4

- Neutral collaboration in preparing the Belgrade Follow-up meeting (meetings in April 1976 in Helsinki, Nov. 1976 in Belgrade, and May 1977 in Berne); N+N coordination in Jan./Feb. 1977 meeting in Belgrade
- Changing character of the Conference setting with Carter presidency and renewed East-West tensions
- (Failed) Neutral attempts to draft a final document for Belgrade (first presented on 1 Feb. 1978)
- Opening of Madrid conference (Brunner/Ceska-intervention to stop the clock at the pre-conference in order to sort out the agenda)
- Co-ordination of work in informal groups by N+N-states to draft a final document resulting in a compromise paper presented by Austria on 16 Dec. 1981
- Final negotiations based on revised N+N-compromise paper of 15 March 1983

Participants:

Former members of CSCE-delegations:

Austria: Franz Ceska
Walter Siegl
Felix Mikl

Switzerland: Hans-Jörg Renk

Finland: Jaakko Iloniemi
Paavo Keisalo
Markku Reimaa

Sweden: Kerstin Asp-Johnsson
Göran Berg

Yugoslavia: Vladimir Bilandzic

USA: Spencer Oliver

Journalists:

Andreas Oplatka (Switzerland, former correspondent to the CSCE)

Academics:

Erwin A. Schmidl, Felix Schneider, Peter Bohaumilitzky (National Defence Academy, Austria), Thomas Fischer, Otmar Höll, Paul Luif, Reiner Meyer (OIIIP), Christian Nünlist (Center for Security Studies, Parallel History Project, ETH Zürich), Wolfgang Mueller (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Historische Kommission), Irene Etzersdorfer (University of Vienna)

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