Overview

“Basics of SSR Seminar: SSR and International Organizations”

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Background The reform of the security sector has become one of the major topics of international concern regarding crisis management and post-conflict recovery during the last decade. The focus on traditional security actors has been complemented by a more comprehensive view on human security bringing physical, social and economic security and safety of individuals to the center of attention.

In order to meet these requirements, international organizations such as EU, OSCE, NATO started to develop appropriate capabilities. The result of this process was the adoption of UN SCR 2151 which stresses the national ownership over the Security Sector Reform processes, and at the same time gives a global legitimacy to a Security Sector Reform domain. In this way, SSR primarily aims to create a secure environment that is conducive to economic development, poverty reduction, good governance and, in particular, the growth of democracy and institutions based on the rule of law. This includes the establishment of an efficient civilian oversight over the security actors.

Seminar deals with the basic subject matter concepts as a part of its Security Sector Reform seminar series for the fifth consecutive year so far. The seminar will cover different aspects of SSR from the UN, OSCE, OECD, EU and NATO perspective.

Purpose & Objectives The seminar is designed to introduce participants with the existing SSR outlines within the UN, OSCE, OECD, EU and NATO frameworks, and thus provide a unique comparative analysis of the subject matter within slightly different contexts. The specific aim is to point out specific solutions when it comes to required basic Security Sector Reform processes.

Participants are provided with an overview on the concepts, principles and strategies for security sector reform and will learn about the approaches of international organizations and will familiarize themselves with SSR through case studies and best practices. Thus, the activity should provide broad insight and understanding of Security Sector Reform concepts existing within different global security entities.

Participation Approximately 30 participants, preferably Executive level officials from Parliamentary Committees on Defence and Security, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries of Defence, Ministries of Internal Affairs and the civil society.

Methodology The event is designed as a seminar and it will be conducted as a combination of lectures, national presentations and group discussions. The seminar working language will be English.

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