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**Overview
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Annex A

SSR and OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security

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Dates	17 – 19 Sep, 2012
Location(s)	RACVIAC Facilities at Military Barracks "Vitez Damir Martić", Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia
Background	The idea for organising the Seminar on Implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico–Military Aspects of Security and for emphasising the importance of the Code of Conduct for successful security sector reforms in South Eastern Europe (SEE) originates from the RACVIAC Strategy 2012-2015 which highlights enhancement of security cooperation in the SEE region as one of the most important objectives.
Purpose & Objectives	<p>The Code of Conduct (CoC) is a core document with regard to the OSCE politico-military dimension that commits the participating States to a set of principles governing democratic control of armed forces, police and security forces. The purpose of the Seminar is to raise awareness about these commitments and discuss experiences and challenges in the practical implementation thereof. Special emphasis will be given to security sector governance and reform. Objectives include the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical background of the OSCE CoC (adopted at the 91st Meeting in the Special Committee of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation in Budapest on 3 December 1994);• The OSCE CoC: content, structure and implementation;• Two main aspects of the OSCE CoC: national (domestic) and international;• Democratic control of armed forces, realisation within and beyond the OSCE CoC;• Law of Armed Conflict and the OSCE CoC;• Political significance and the role of bringing about stability, security and genuine partnership in South Eastern Europe and the OSCE CoC;• National experiences in implementing the OSCE CoC; national experiences deriving from the OSCE CoC in the OSCE participating states in SEE - main aspects of implementation;• Implementing the OSCE CoC - the way ahead. <p>The purpose of this Seminar is to support the implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico–Military Aspects of Security in South Eastern Europe.</p>

Participants The event targets senior military or security officials, Members of Parliament and parliamentary professionals as well as representatives from the Ministries for Foreign Affairs, whose duties relate to the OSCE and their “Code of Conduct” from the following countries:

- one participant from GR, RO and TR (travel costs to be reimbursed)
- two participants from AL, BA, HR, ME, MK and RS (travel costs will be reimbursed, except for HR). It is advisable to select an additional standby candidate in case there will be no nominations from all invited countries.
- one representative from AT, HU and SI (travel costs will not be reimbursed).

Representatives from the public sector, civil society, as well as experts from national institutions and think-thanks are welcome.

Experts from OSCE and DCAF departments are invited to take part and provide relevant information on the subject matter.

Methodology Seminar will be introduced by keynote speakers presenting the importance of the implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct in the context of Security Sector Reform, followed by presentations on national action plans and implementation programmes and experiences.

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