

PREFACE

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The International Security Research and Outreach Programme commissioned a study to carry out the following tasks:

- (i). Provide a brief introduction to the FSC, outlining its existing mandate, role within the present OSCE structure and interaction with other OSCE bodies, and the issues it was designed to address.
- (ii). Examine the security issues which presently challenge the institutional/organizational abilities of the FSC in its capacity as a forum for security dialogue, making reference to the larger trends in the evolution of the OSCE as they impinge upon the FSC and offering substantive assessments of where these trends can be expected to lead the FSC and its member states.
- (iii). Provide an assessment of whether and how the FSC should evolve to maintain its relevance and ability to meet the challenge of these new security trends.

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