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DECISION No. 16/09
ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE FORUM FOR
SECURITY CO-OPERATION

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling Decision V of the CSCE Helsinki Document 1992, which established the Forum for Security Co-operation, and reaffirming that the participating States will ensure that the efforts they make in the Forum to advance arms control, disarmament, confidence- and security-building, security co-operation and conflict prevention are coherent, interrelated and complementary,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 3, adopted in Bucharest in 2001 on fostering the role of the OSCE as a forum for political dialogue, which *inter alia* enjoined the FSC to be more closely connected with the overall OSCE work on current security issues,

Desirous of further building upon the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century, adopted in 2003 by the Eleventh Meeting of the Ministerial Council,

Determined to continue enhancing the implementation of the existing confidence- and security-building measures in the framework of the Vienna Document 1999, taking into account the evolving nature of threats to security and stability in the OSCE area,

Also determined to continue enhancing the implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Wishing to demonstrate further the commitment of the OSCE participating States to fulfilling the obligations of United Nations Security Council resolutions (UNSCR) 1540 (2004), UNSCR 1673 (2006) and UNSCR 1810 (2008),

Wishing also to demonstrate the commitment of the OSCE participating States to fulfilling the obligations of UNSCR 1887 (2009),

Taking note of Ministerial Council Decision No. 15/09 adopted in Athens in 2009 on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition,

1. Welcomes, within the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC):
 - The progress reports on effort to improve further the implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and on efforts in the field of arms control agreements and confidence- and security-building measures in accordance with its mandate;
 - The active discussions in the Security Dialogue in 2009 that *inter alia* continued to address the armed conflict in August 2008, including in the light of the “Tagliavini report” and its main findings, and other conflict situations and security problems within and adjacent to the OSCE area in a consultative and constructive manner;
 - FSC decisions on improving the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and existing confidence- and security-building measures, including the Best Practice Guide for Implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 Chapter IV, Contacts;
 - Progress made in implementing UNSCR 1540 (2004) and developing best practice guides on its implementation;
 - The FSC’s discussions towards developing a comprehensive approach to enhancing cyber security;
2. Calls on the FSC, in 2010, in accordance with its mandate, to:
 - Intensify further the Security Dialogue to address key security issues in the OSCE region, including on the role of arms control and CSBMs in the evolving security environment;
 - Explore ways in which to strengthen the OSCE’s politico-military toolbox, with particular attention to strengthening current arms control and CSBM instruments, including strengthening the Vienna Document 1999;
 - Continue to explore ways in which to improve implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, and contribute to discussions on the principles inherent in the Code;
 - Facilitate, where appropriate, the fulfilment by the OSCE participating States of the provisions of UNSCR 1540 (2004), UNSCR 1673(2006) and UNSCR 1810 (2008);
 - Also facilitate, where appropriate, the fulfilment by the OSCE participating States of the provisions of UNSCR 1887 (2009);
 - Contribute to improving OSCE procedures and mechanisms in the area of crisis management;
3. Requests the FSC to submit, through its Chairperson, progress reports to the Eighteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2010 on its work. These reports should include efforts to improve further the implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects

of Security, efforts in the field of arms control agreements and confidence- and security-building measures in accordance with the FSC's mandate, and other areas, as appropriate.