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**DECISION No. 14/02
EXTENSION OF THE BACK-UP PROCEDURE FOR THE OPERATION
OF THE OSCE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling FSC.DEC/8/02 on the back-up procedure for the operation of the OSCE Communications Network to ensure its continued operation,

Re-emphasizing the importance of ongoing network modernization efforts and the need for its successful completion within the shortest possible timeframe,

Taking into account that the current contract for communications services to the Central Mail Server expires on 31 December 2002,

Recognizing the need for a transition phase to implement the network modernization project as agreed per FSC.DEC/12/02,

Underlining its commitment to sustain the uninterrupted operation of the network,

Decides to:

- Authorize the Conflict Prevention Centre to take steps for the continuation of communications services to the Central Mail Server, as needed, within approved budget resources, until 30 June 2003;
- Task the Communications Group to provide a detailed project plan of network modernization with an indication of dates, countries and a procedure for transition to the new Virtual Private Network early in 2003 and to report on the progress in its implementation on a regular basis.