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**DECLARATION ON THE
13 NOVEMBER TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS**

We, the members of the Permanent Council of the OSCE, are horrified by the deadly terrorist attacks against civilians at six sites across Paris, including the Bataclan Concert Hall, on 13 November 2015, which took the lives of more than one hundred people and injured many others.

We offer heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the victims, and to the people and Government of France, and wish a speedy recovery to those who were injured.

We recall the recent terrorist attacks claimed or committed by ISIL/DAESH that occurred across the OSCE area and in its neighbourhood, taking the lives of many over the past months, in particular the terrorist attack on the Russian passenger jet A321 over the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, and the serious attack in Ankara, both committed in October 2015.

We condemn these brutal and indiscriminate acts of violence against innocent people and stress the need to bring the perpetrators to justice.

We resolutely condemn all forms and manifestations of terrorism, regardless of their motivation, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

We reiterate the need to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law, including applicable international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.

We stand united in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism that leads to terrorism, while underlining that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality or civilization.

We emphasize that terrorism can only be defeated by a sustained and comprehensive approach involving the active participation and collaboration of all States and international and regional organizations to impede, impair, isolate and incapacitate the terrorist threat.

We reaffirm the steadfast determination of the participating States to protect the fundamental principles on which the OSCE is based, and to implement all OSCE commitments, particularly those related to combating terrorism and the phenomenon of

foreign terrorist fighters, countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism, to respecting human rights and the rule of law and to fostering tolerance and non-discrimination, mutual respect and understanding in our societies.