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DECISION No. 5/05 FULFILMENT OF FSC DECISION No. 5/96 RELATED TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming the indispensable role of arms control, confidence- and security-building, disarmament and non-proliferation in furthering the comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible security of the participating States by promoting the objectives contained, *inter alia*, in paragraph 28 of the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism (2002) and paragraph 46 of the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century (2003),

Recalling the significance of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (Chemical Weapons Convention) for achieving a world free of chemical weapons,

Mindful of FSC Decision No. 5/96 of 26 June 1996, requesting the participating States, *inter alia*, to ensure their timely ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention and to provide each other with written information on the status of their ratification processes,

Taking note with satisfaction of the fact that all the participating States have ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention, thereby contributing to the goal of universal adherence, which is fundamental to the achievement of its objective and purpose,

Decides:

- To declare that the implementation of FSC Decision No. 5/96 has been fulfilled;
- To build on this positive result by urging all the participating States to implement their obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention without further delay.