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DECISION No. 13/08
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 further demonstrate the commitment of the OSCE participating States to fulfilling the obligations of United Nations Security Council resolution (UNSCR) 1540 (2004) and of UNSCR 1810 (2008),

Taking note of Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/08 adopted in Helsinki in 2008 on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition,

1. Welcomes, within the Forum for Security Co-operation:
 - The progress reports on efforts to further improve 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 2008; especially the dialogue between participating States aimed at addressing the armed conflict in August 2008 as well as other conflict situations and security problems in the OSCE area in a consultative and constructive manner;
- FSC decisions on improving the implementation of the Code of Conduct and existing confidence- and security-building measures;
- Progress made in implementing UNSCR 1540 (2004) and developing best practice guides on its implementation;

2. Calls upon the Forum for Security Co-operation to further intensify the Security Dialogue and to continue its efforts to address issues within its mandate in a comprehensive manner, reflecting the OSCE's concept of co-operative security and also working in concert with other international forums when appropriate;

3. Requests the Forum for Security Co-operation to submit, through its Chairperson, progress reports to the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2009 on its work. These reports should include efforts to further improve 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.