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## DECISION No. 12/11 ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 16/09, which called on the FSC to explore ways to strengthen the OSCE's politico-military toolbox, to continue to explore ways in which to improve implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, and to contribute to discussions on the principles inherent in the Code,

Noting the informative discussions that have emerged from special workshops and conferences on the Code of Conduct, in particular the 347th (special) meeting of Working Group A on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, on 23 May 2007, which focused on enhancing interest in the Code of Conduct and strengthening implementation of the Code,

Seeking to establish a mechanism of focused and regular discussions of the annual information exchange provided for under the questionnaire and of other themes relating to the Code of Conduct and exchange ideas for improving its implementation,

## Decides to:

- Regularize a focused discussion on implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security by devoting an annual special one-day meeting to the Code of Conduct (annual implementation discussion on the Code of Conduct) in the context of the work programme of the second session of the FSC;
- Task the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat, within its mandate, with providing a report on the implementation of the Code of Conduct before this meeting. The report will be based on the annual information exchange under the Code of Conduct and will be limited to the provision of statistical data related to implementation. Common practices will be identified and highlighted in general terms. The report will not enter into comparisons of national policies or provide any assessment of implementation. This task will be completed within the existing CPC budget;

- Invite the OSCE Secretariat, the ODIHR, field missions and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation;
- Invite, as appropriate, representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes to a morning session of this meeting to share views on implementation, while the following evaluation discussion of the afternoon session of the meeting is to be restricted to participating States;
- Encourage the participating States to continue to discuss issues relating to implementation of, and information exchange under, the Code of Conduct, also in the contexts of the Security Dialogue and the working groups of the FSC.