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DECISION No. 1 IMPLEMENTING THE OSCE COMMITMENTS AND ACTIVITIES ON COMBATING TERRORISM

The Ministerial Council,

Notes the Secretary General's comprehensive report on the actions of OSCE bodies and institutions to combat terrorism, including implementation of the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism and the Bishkek Programme of Action;

Decides that all OSCE participating States, bodies and institutions shall continue on an urgent basis to implement and ensure the effectiveness of their Bucharest commitments;

Reaffirms the commitment of all participating States to become parties as soon as possible to all 12 United Nations conventions and protocols related to terrorism and welcomes the steps undertaken by participating States that have already completed these procedures;

Commit themselves to work towards the successful conclusion of negotiations on new universal instruments in this field, presently under way within the United Nations and confirms their readiness to consider, in co-ordination with the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, requests for technical assistance and capacity building with a view to advancing the ratification and implementation of United Nations and other relevant instruments on terrorism;

Recognizing the danger posed by weapons of mass destruction in the hands of terrorists, urges all States to co-operate on negotiations underway at the United Nations on an International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, and at the International Atomic Energy Agency on a protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material;

Welcomes the activities undertaken by the Forum for Security Co-operation, as reported by its Chairperson, in line with its Road Map and urges the Forum for Security Co-operation to continue to be seized with the matter of combating terrorism within its mandate and competencies;

Encourages the Co-ordinator for OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities to continue to pursue programmes in co-operation and co-ordination with the United Nations

Office on Drugs and Crime to support participating States' efforts to strengthen their ability to prevent and suppress terrorist financing;

Welcomes the decision in July 2002 (PC.DEC/487) that all participating States will complete the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) self-assessments on compliance with the Eight Special Recommendations on Terrorist Financing and notes with approval the OSCE's 88 per cent response rate to date. Commits to take steps towards speedy implementation of the Financial Action Task Force's Eight Special Recommendations on terrorist financing;

Recalls the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for Preventing and Combating Terrorism's recommendation that the OSCE pursue activities *inter alia* in policing, border security, anti-trafficking and suppressing terrorist financing. Requests that interested donors consider providing the necessary resources to implement OSCE projects for combating terrorism;

Decides that the OSCE participating States, bodies and institutions will intensify their efforts and their collective commitment to combat terrorism and the conditions that may foster and sustain it by exploiting its strengths and comparative advantages: its comprehensive approach to security; its expertise in early-warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation; its wide ranging repertoire of proven confidence- and security-building measures and its expertise in capacity building.