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**DECISION No. 7/13
COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**

The Ministerial Council,

Reaffirming the relevant OSCE commitments of the years 2000 to 2008 and the 2011 Vilnius Ministerial Declaration on Combating All Forms of Human Trafficking,

Reiterating the strategic value of the 2003 OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings which provides the participating States with advanced recommendations on actions to be taken at the international and national levels in the field of prosecution, prevention and protection, and guides the activities of the relevant OSCE executive structures,

Deeply concerned by the significant growth in all forms of THB, both transnational and internal, and reiterating the particular need to take more vigorous measures to address the challenging current and emerging THB trends and patterns,

Endorses the adoption of the Addendum to the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings: One Decade Later by Permanent Council Decision No. 1107, and considers the Addendum: One Decade Later to be an integral part of the 2003 OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“We join in the consensus concerning the OSCE Ministerial Council decision on combating trafficking in human beings and should like to make the following comments.

Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual or labour exploitation, including trafficking in children and trafficking for the purpose of obtaining organs, tissues and cells, has taken on global proportions. A comprehensive approach is required to combat this threat, including preventive measures, effective crime investigation, prosecution of the perpetrators, protection of victims and establishment of socio-economic conditions that would make it impossible for trafficking in human beings to take place.

We note that the draft Addendum to the Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings will make it possible to broaden the scope of the OSCE’s commitments in this area, in the first instance with respect to combating forms of trafficking that involve sexual exploitation, including the exploitation of children, and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of obtaining organs.

At the same time, it is regrettable that the decision does not reflect some new forms of trafficking that present a real threat to health and life, notably trafficking for the purpose of obtaining human tissue and cells. This reduces the effectiveness of the efforts by OSCE participating States to confront new challenges and threats, develop appropriate policies and identify suitable ways of reacting.

The Russian Federation is of the opinion that in combating all forms of trafficking in human beings the OSCE should give due attention to the investigation, collection of information and exchange of effective experience in preventing trafficking for the purpose of obtaining human tissues and cells.

We are also of the opinion that in preventing trafficking in human beings, additional vigorous measures are needed to eliminate the demand for “human traffic” in countries that are main recipients of this traffic.

We request that this statement be attached to the Ministerial Council decision and to the journal of the today’s meeting of the Ministerial Council.”

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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By the delegation of the Holy See:

“The consensual adoption of the Addendum to the ‘OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings: One Decade Later’ does not mean that non-consensual publications or tools mentioned in the text are official documents of the Organization. Therefore, they must not be considered endorsed by all participating States.

According to the above mentioned, the Holy See expresses its reservation in regards to Article 5 under Chapter III entitled ‘Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings’, subtitle ‘Actions for Institutions and Bodies’ and does not agree with each single tool or all their parts developed or used by the Gender Section of the OSCE Secretariat.”