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## DECISION No. 12/02 OSCE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK MODERNIZATION

The Forum for Security Co-operation,

Recalling FSC.DEC/6/00 of 21 June 2000 on the upgrade of the OSCE Communications Network, which tasked the technical subgroups of the OSCE Communications Group with designing, developing and presenting a network solution,

Recalling FSC.DEC/3/01 of 20 June 2001 on the back-up procedure for the operation of the OSCE Communications Network to ensure its continued operation, concurrent with the resumption of the negotiations on Phase II of the network modernization,

Recalling FSC.DEC/8/02 of 19 June 2002 on the extension of the back-up procedure for the operation of the OSCE Communications Network, which re-emphasized the importance of ongoing network modernization efforts,

Decides to:

- Approve the Project Management Team recommendation to implement a virtual private network solution in accordance with the selected tender;
- Task the Project Management Team with implementation of this solution and to update the Forum on the status of such implementation;
- Task the Secretariat to operate this modernized network solution, which replaces the back-up procedure after a transition phase;
- Endeavour to complete the task as early as possible, preferably within 6-12 months after contract award;
- Task the Secretariat to negotiate a contract with the selected tender;
- Request the Secretary General to submit a budget request in the amount of EUR 120,000.