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DECISION No. 1/08 AWARENESS RAISING AND OUTREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling the OSCE's comprehensive approach to security as noted in the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century (MC(11).JOUR/2, 2 December 2003),

Recalling the Ministerial Council Declaration on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation to promote the OSCE's norms, principles and commitments in their regions, and to encourage them to take further steps towards their voluntary implementation,

Emphasizing the importance of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (CoC) as a unique, cross-dimensional norm setting document,

Recognizing that the annual information exchange on national implementation of the CoC demonstrates participating States' commitment to transparency towards each other and thus contributes to the implementation of the CoC,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/07 on issues relevant to the FSC in which the Ministerial Council expressed its determination to continue enhancing the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 17/07 on information exchanges in an electronic format for further distribution,

Welcoming the successful seminars and workshops held on the implementation of the CoC and their valuable contribution to promoting awareness,

Convinced that further seminars and workshops on the Code of Conduct, organized among OSCE participating States as well as for Partners for Co-operation would contribute to increasing awareness and support outreach of the CoC,

Wishing to promote a closer engagement of the Partners for Co-operation in the CoC,

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- 1. Decides to make each participating State's reply to the CoC questionnaire available to the public through posting on the OSCE's public website, and tasks the OSCE Secretariat to ensure a timely publication;
- 2. Requests the OSCE Secretariat to organize, in co-operation with other international organizations or with participating States, as appropriate, and within available resources at least one specialized seminar or workshop a year in order to facilitate better implementation, to promote awareness and to support outreach of the CoC, and encourages participating States to contribute extra budgetary funds to enable such events;
- 3. Calls upon the FSC Chair to engage the OSCE Partners for Co-operation in a process aiming at adopting the principles of the CoC.