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**DECISION No. 10/14**  
**SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES**  
**OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Ministerial Council,

Recognizing the importance of OSCE measures aimed at combating the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) in all its aspects and at contributing to the reduction and prevention of the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW,

Willing to complement and thereby reinforce the implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, particularly by promoting co-operation, transparency and responsible action by participating States in the export and import of SALW,

Taking note of the upcoming entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty,

Noting the United Nations Security Council's focus on addressing the threats arising from illicit SALW and their destabilizing accumulations, and the importance of regional organizations to those efforts, as outlined, *inter alia*, in UNSCR 2117 (2013),

Noting the outcome documents of the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, which took place from 16 to 20 June 2014 in New York,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 8/08 and taking note of ongoing activity in the United Nations General Assembly on related issues,

Taking note of United Nations Security Council resolutions 2106 (2013) and 2122 (2013) where relevant to the mandate of the FSC,

Acknowledging the important work the OSCE has accomplished in establishing recognized standards and best practices in SALW management and security and a possible contribution the voluntary application of other international standards could make in this regard,

Recognizing the continuing importance of OSCE measures aimed at addressing security risks and safety of stockpiles of SALW, SCA, explosive materials and detonating devices in surplus and/or awaiting destruction in some States in the OSCE area,

Also reaffirming the voluntary nature of the assistance provided by the OSCE participating States in the reduction of SALW, in the destruction after registration of surplus stockpiles of conventional ammunition and in the upgrading of stockpile management and security practices of participating States that request assistance in this regard,

Also reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012), the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), and related FSC decisions, including the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DEC/2/10, 26 May 2010),

Recalling Kyiv Ministerial Council Decision No. 8/13 of 2013,

Welcoming FSC-related activities on small arms and light weapons undertaken in 2014 with the OSCE Partners for Co-operation in the context of the FSC as well as of the OSCE Mediterranean Conference,

1. Welcomes and takes note, within the Forum for Security Co-operation's activities since the 2013 Ministerial Council, of:
  - The active role taken by the OSCE during the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, which took place from 16 to 20 June 2014 in New York;
  - The OSCE Implementation Assessment Meeting on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition;
  - The progress reports on the continuing implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and on the continuing implementation of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, as submitted to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Ministerial Council;
  - The ongoing efforts of the FSC on improving the implementation of commitments set out in the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, and related FSC decisions, including the OSCE Plan of Action on SALW;
  - Agreement on voluntary guidelines for compiling national reports on SALW exports from/imports to other participating States during the previous calendar year, in order to improve the utility and relevance of the information provided;
  - The focused discussions in the Security Dialogue on topical security issues related to small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition;
  - The progress in and results of OSCE SALW and SCA projects;

2. Tasks the Forum for Security Co-operation, in accordance with its mandate, in 2015, to:
- Continue to strengthen efforts to fully implement existing measures and commitments set out in the OSCE Document on SALW, the OSCE Document on SCA, and related FSC decisions;
  - Further intensify efforts to continue implementing the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its aspects;
  - Take note of the CPC synopsis of status of SALW and conventional ammunition projects and discuss issues arising from SALW and SCA projects, including, *inter alia*, issues pertaining to personnel and resources from participating States involved in such projects, with the aim of facilitating procedures for providing assistance to the OSCE participating States under the SALW and SCA mechanism;
  - Ensure coherence and complementarity with the relevant United Nations framework, *inter alia*, taking account of the outcome documents of the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States on the United Nations Programme of Action on SALW;
  - Support the timely and full submission of OSCE SALW-related information exchanges, making use of the reporting template introduced by the CPC for one-off information exchanges related to the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, including sample formats for national end-user certificates and/or other pertinent documents, regulations concerning brokering activities with regard to SALW and the annual information exchange on the points of contact on SALW and SCA;
  - Consider the development of a voluntary online tool for submission of OSCE SALW-related information exchanges;
  - Continue to explore ways to review and, where appropriate, supplement the 2012 OSCE Document on SALW, the 2011 OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition and the OSCE Handbooks of Best Practices on SALW, as well as the 1993 CSCE Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers;
  - Exchange views and information and share best practices, on a voluntary basis and if relevant to the mandate of the FSC, on the impact of illicit SALW on women and children as well as on creating equal opportunities for women's participation in policymaking, planning and implementation processes to combat illicit SALW;
  - Explore ways to enhance outreach to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation on issues related to SALW and stockpiles of conventional ammunition;
  - Submit progress reports, through its Chairperson, to the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2015 on work in relevant areas, in accordance with its mandate;

3. Invites the participating States to:
  - Continue providing extrabudgetary contributions to support FSC assistance projects on SALW and SCA, either for a specific project or by providing resources and technical expertise to the OSCE's comprehensive programme on SALW and SCA;
  - Continue, within the Security Dialogue, discussions on topical security issues related to SALW and SCA;
  - Continue within the Security Dialogue general discussions related to the ATT.