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**DECISION No. 3/19
REMINDING MECHANISM FOR THE OSCE
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling the Vienna Document's provision that the OSCE Communications Network is to be used for the transmission of messages,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 5/99 committing participating States to connecting to the Network and to using it efficiently and cost-effectively for communications between States concerning treaty and agreement notifications,

Reaffirming the commitment of the OSCE participating States to full and timely implementation of all measures agreed by them,

Determined to make further efforts to strengthen communication and compliance as outlined in the Standard Operating Procedures for the OSCE Communications Network (FSC.GAL/3/06) established by the OSCE Communications Group,

Recognizing the need to improve existing procedures in order to jointly promote the implementation and fulfilment of commitments by the participating States,

1. Authorizes the Chairperson of the FSC to take necessary action to implement the reminding mechanism for the OSCE Communications Network;
2. Tasks the Chairperson of the Communications Group and the Conflict Prevention Centre with supporting the Chairperson of the FSC in the implementation of this mechanism.

REMINDING MECHANISM

This mechanism will apply both to the implementation of agreed confidence- and security-building measures and also to other commitments established by FSC decisions.

Level A

In accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures for the OSCE Communications Network, the Conflict Prevention Centre will establish verbal contact with a participating State upon occurrence of any one of the following events:

- The primary end-user station becomes disconnected from the OSCE Communications Network for more than one hour during primary business hours of the OSCE;
- The primary end-user station is repeatedly disconnected from the OSCE Communications Network;
- The identified Points of Contact are not accessible.

The Conflict Prevention Centre will provide available technical or administrative assistance to any participating State if requested to do so.

Level B

If the issue is not resolved and no explanation is provided within two weeks, the Conflict Prevention Centre will provide situational information to the Chairperson of the FSC. In turn, the Chairperson of the FSC will send a reminder letter, prepared by the Conflict Prevention Centre, within an additional two weeks on behalf of the FSC to the participating State in question.

The Chairperson of the FSC will inform the Forum of letters sent and of any replies subsequently received.

Level C

If no explanation is forthcoming within four weeks after the reminder letter has been sent, the Chairperson of the FSC will make direct contact with the participating State that has not fulfilled its commitment in order to determine:

- The reason(s) for failure to provide a written explanation and/or to respond to the Chairperson's reminder letter;
- The obstacles to compliance and/or implementation problems; and

- Possible needs for assistance and solutions.

The Chairperson of the FSC will inform the Forum of the status of Level C contacts in a general manner.