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**VIENNA DOCUMENT PLUS DECISION No. 9/12
ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Emphasizing the significance of the OSCE's politico-military agreements and the Vienna Document for strengthening security and stability in Europe,

Reaffirming the OSCE participating States' commitment to the full implementation of agreed confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs),

Implementing Ministerial Council Decision No. 16/09, which calls on the FSC, *inter alia*, to strengthen the Vienna Document,

Guided by FSC Decision No. 1/10 establishing a procedure for incorporating relevant FSC decisions into the Vienna Document,

Using the text of the Vienna Document 2011 as a basis for amendments and additions,

Decides to:

Add to Chapter V "Prior notification of certain military activities" new paragraphs (46*)¹, (46*.1) and (46*.2) containing the following wording:

(46*) In the absence of any notifiable military exercise or military activity in a calendar year, the participating States will provide notification of one major military exercise or military activity, which is below the thresholds provided for in paragraphs (40.1.1),

(40.1.2), (40.2), (40.2.1), (40.3) and (40.3.1), held on their national territory in the zone of application for CSBMs;

1 46* – The asterisk signifies that this paragraph in the new version of Chapter V "Prior notification of certain military activities" will follow paragraph 46 – the last paragraph of Chapter V in the current version. This way of numbering the new paragraphs introduced into Chapter V means that there will be no need, when discussing their content, to change the existing numbering of the paragraphs of Chapter VI "Observation of certain military activities", the first paragraph of which is number (47).

- (46*.1) The participating States will be guided, at their own discretion, by the criterion of military significance in determining the specific military exercise or military activity for which notification will be provided;
- (46*.2) Notification of such military exercises or military activities will be consistent with paragraphs (38), (39), (42), (43), (44), (45) and (46).