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DECISION No. 758 ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG CO-OPERATION

The Permanent Council,

Seriously concerned about the spread of illicit drugs, including heroin from Afghanistan and synthetic drugs, as one of the most profitable and dangerous forms of transnational organized crime in the OSCE area,

Also concerned about the serious challenges and threats posed by the links between illicit drug trafficking and terrorism and other national and transnational criminal activities and transnational criminal networks,

Recognizing the leading role of the United Nations and, in particular its Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in combating the threat of illicit drugs, and taking into consideration relevant activities of other international and regional organizations,

Stressing the OSCE anti-drug commitments enshrined, in particular, in the Charter for European Security (1999), the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism (2001), the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century (2003), the Border Security and Management Concept (2005) and Ljubljana Ministerial Council Decision No. 5/05 on combating the threat of illicit drugs (MC.DEC/5/05),

Emphasizing the importance of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,

Recognizing the ongoing technical assistance activity being provided through multilateral structures, including the UNODC, as well as on a bilateral basis, to ensure the full implementation of commitments enshrined in the aforementioned Conventions,

Mindful of the fact that the OSCE is a partner in the Paris Pact, and taking note of the recommendations drawn up by the Second Ministerial Conference on Drug Trafficking Routes from Afghanistan "Paris 2 – Moscow 1" (Moscow, 26 to 28 June 2006),

Supporting the establishment of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre (CARICC) under the aegis of the United Nations,

Taking note of the outcomes of the Workshop on ADAM-POLIS (Vienna, 14 and 15 September 2006) and of the Expert Workshop on Combating the Threat of Illicit Drugs in the OSCE Area (Vienna, 24 and 25 October 2006),

- 1. Calls upon the participating States to further strengthen their efforts towards suppressing the threat of illicit drugs, including through international co-operation and co-ordination between their respective drug law enforcement authorities;
- 2. Urges the participating States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to, and fully implementing thereafter their obligations under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol; the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971; and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988;
- 3. Encourages the participating States to make full use of these Conventions through, *inter alia*, mutual legal assistance and extradition of drug criminals, where appropriate;
- 4. Tasks the Secretary General and relevant OSCE institutions with providing to participating States, upon their request and in close consultation and co-ordination with the UNODC, assistance/advice on anti-drug issues, *inter alia*, through awareness-raising activities, the organization of regional workshops and facilitation of training;
- 5. Tasks the Secretary General with convening in 2007 in Vienna, in close consultation and co-operation with the UNODC, an expert conference for practitioners from participating States, Partners for Co-operation and representatives of international organizations, designed to facilitate the exchange of information on the production of and trafficking in illicit drugs, to discuss the implementation of relevant OSCE commitments and to consider further measures to enhance international co-operation in fighting the threat of illicit drugs;
- 6. Encourages the Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily implement the provisions of this decision and to participate in the activities envisaged herein.