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DECISION No. 9/02 PROVISION OF THE MODEL ANSWER FOR THE OSCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON SALW TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling paragraph five of the preamble to the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/01/00), in which participating States noted the opportunity for the OSCE, as a regional arrangement under Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations, to provide a substantial contribution to the process in the United Nations on combating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects,

Recognizing the role played by OSCE participating States in the negotiation of the final United Nations Programme of Action on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects, and conscious of the contribution that regional organizations could make to support and foster the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Noting that, as tasked by the Forum for Security Co-operation, the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) conducted an Overview of the First OSCE Information Exchange on Small Arms and Light Weapons regarding the 30 June 2001 information exchanges stipulated by the SALW Document (FSC.GAL/9/02) and, in accordance with the recommendations made in the Overview, prepared a Model Answer based on this information exchange (FSC.GAL/39/02),

Recognizing that the Model Answer is an objective and substantive contribution to the implementation of the SALW Document, and that this OSCE tool could be useful to other United Nations Member States in their efforts to fully implement the United Nations Programme of Action and other international commitments on SALW,

Decides,

To task the FSC Chair to request the good offices of the Secretary General for the transmission of the Model Answer to the United Nations, for distribution to its members, with a cover letter which will also provide introductory information of a general character on the Overview.