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DECISION No. 15/09
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION

The Ministerial Council,

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

Also recognizing the importance of OSCE measures aimed at addressing security risks posed by the presence of stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA), explosive materials and detonating devices in surplus and/or awaiting destruction in some States in the OSCE area,

Taking note of the active role taken by the OSCE in international efforts based on the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the 2010 Biennial Meeting of States to Review the UN Programme of Action on SALW in All Its Aspects,

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on SALW (FSC.DOC/1/00, 24 November 2000), the OSCE Document on SCA (FSC.DOC/1/03, 19 November 2003), and related FSC decisions,

Recognizing the importance of improving the management, security and safety of stockpiles of small arms, light weapons and conventional ammunition,

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

Noting the crucial importance of co-ordination and co-operation between different organizations and other relevant actors to the effective addressing of the aforementioned challenges, and with the intention of strengthening the OSCE's contribution to these efforts within existing resources and/or extrabudgetary contributions,

1. Welcomes, within the Forum for Security Co-operation:
 - The progress reports on the further implementation of the OSCE Document on SCA and on the further implementation of the OSCE Document on SALW, as submitted to the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council pursuant to Decision No. 11/08, adopted at the Sixteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council;
 - The FSC Chairperson's summary report on the OSCE Meeting to Review the OSCE Document on SALW and Its Supplementary Decisions held in accordance with Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/08, adopted at the Sixteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council;
2. Requests the Forum for Security Co-operation to:
 - Remain seized of matters related to SALW and SCA in 2010;
 - Develop a plan of action on SALW, taking into consideration suggestions made at the OSCE Meeting to Review the OSCE Document on SALW and Its Supplementary Decisions, by May 2010;
 - Take an active role in the Fourth 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,
 - Take steps to review the implementation of Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/08 with regard to the establishment or reinforcement of a legal framework for lawful brokering activities within the national jurisdiction of participating States by the end of 2010;
 - Take concrete steps to further the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit SALW;
 - Continue its efforts to support OSCE participating States seeking assistance in the destruction of SALW stockpiles and SCA in surplus and/or awaiting destruction and to upgrade stockpile management and security practices of those participating States that request assistance, through effective co-ordination and co-operation with other actors where relevant;
 - Submit, through its Chairperson, progress reports to the Eighteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2010 on these tasks and on the continuing implementation of the OSCE Document on SALW and the OSCE Document on SCA;
3. Encourages participating States to provide extrabudgetary contributions to support FSC assistance projects on SALW and SCA, either to a specific project or by providing resources to the OSCE Comprehensive Programme on SALW and SCA;
4. Tasks the Secretary General to continue efforts to enhance co-ordination and co-operation with other international and regional organizations in order to develop synergies, increase effectiveness and promote a coherent approach to the implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.