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**DECISION No. 6/09
STRENGTHENING DIALOGUE AND CO-OPERATION ON
ENERGY SECURITY IN THE OSCE AREA**

The Ministerial Council,

Reaffirming the commitments regarding energy security in the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, adopted at the Maastricht Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2003, the Ministerial Council Decision No. 12/06 on energy security dialogue in the OSCE and the Ministerial Council Decision No. 6/07 on protecting critical energy infrastructure from terrorist attack,

Taking note of the efforts undertaken in the implementation of those commitments and desirous to promote further co-operation and dialogue between participating States in energy security and to tackle all kinds of risks and threats to critical energy infrastructure,

Taking into account the Joint Statement of the G8 Energy Ministers and European Energy Commissioner in L'Aquila in May 2009, desirous to continue to raise awareness and enhance dialogue on the G8 Plan of Action on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development (2005) and reiterating support for the St. Petersburg Principles on Global Energy Security (2006),

Taking into account the potential for increased consumption of energy resources,

Bearing in mind the impact of the global financial and economic crisis and the need for continued investment in the energy sector and promotion of good public and corporate governance, while paying due respect to security and environmental aspects,

Recognizing the comparative advantage of the OSCE as a platform for broad political dialogue, as well as the growing efforts of the OSCE to promote energy security dialogue, to ensure its continuity and to facilitate the sharing of best practices between participating States, thus complementing existing bilateral and multilateral activities and initiatives in energy co-operation,

Recalling the discussions of the Chairmanship Conference on Strengthening Energy Security in the OSCE Area, held in Bratislava on 6 and 7 July 2009,

Recognizing that the increasing energy interdependence between producing, consuming and transit countries in the OSCE area requires co-operative dialogue, in order to enhance transparency, reliability and co-operation in the energy field, and strengthen the ability of the international community to prevent and resolve energy-related disputes,

Underlining that the interrelated challenges of climate change, energy security and efficient use of energy resources are amongst the most important issues to be tackled in the strategic perspective of ensuring sustainable development,

Acknowledging the importance of access to new energy technologies on mutually agreed terms, of alternative sources of energy and of diversifying energy supplies, routes and transportation systems, as well as of modernizing and developing existing systems,

1. Encourages the participating States, with a view to addressing energy challenges in the OSCE region, to promote awareness of the G8 St. Petersburg principles and objectives on strengthening global energy security, namely:

- Increasing transparency, predictability and stability of global energy markets;
- Improving the investment climate in the energy sector;
- Enhancing energy efficiency and energy saving;
- Diversifying energy mix;
- Ensuring physical security of critical energy infrastructure;
- Reducing energy poverty;
- Addressing climate change and sustainable development;

2. Encourages participating States, in accordance with the Ministerial Council Decision No. 12/06 to continue to use the OSCE as a platform for energy security dialogue, without duplicating the activities carried out in bilateral and multilateral energy co-operation fora, in order to:

- Contribute to security and stability in the OSCE area;
- Strengthen co-operation among the participating States in the energy field, including at regional and subregional level, as appropriate;

3. Tasks the Permanent Council, supported by the OSCE Secretariat, with organizing in 2010 an OSCE special expert meeting with the aim of assessing OSCE's future contribution to international energy security co-operation;

4. Tasks the OSCE Secretary General to submit in 2010 a report, for consideration by the Permanent Council, based on the outcomes of and recommendations formulated at the above event as well as on his consultations with participating States and relevant international and regional organizations and agencies, concerning the complementary role of the OSCE in the field of energy security;

5. Tasks the Office of the Co-ordinator for Economic and Environmental Activities, in co-operation with other OSCE executive structures, within their mandates and available resources, to continue providing assistance to participating States, at their request, to support the exchange of best practices and build capacity in the areas related to energy security, *inter alia* energy efficiency, energy savings and the development of and investment in renewable sources of energy;
6. Encourage the Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily implement the provisions of this decision.