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**DECISION No. 5/11  
REFERENCE GUIDE ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON  
THE OSCE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY  
ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Remaining committed to the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and its full and effective implementation,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 2/09 on the technical update of the Questionnaire on the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Recognizing that the annual information exchange on national implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security demonstrates participating States' commitment to transparency towards each other and thus contributes to the implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 16/09 on issues relevant to the FSC in which the Ministerial Council calls on the FSC to continue exploring ways in which to improve implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Noting that a Reference Guide may facilitate the implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Recognizing that the Reference Guide contains an indicative list of items, whose use is optional and will not predetermine participating States' replies to the Questionnaire of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Decides to:

- Take note of the Reference Guide on the Questionnaire on the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (FSC.DEL/142/10) and offer it for use by interested participating States;
- Take account of the possibility of an update of the Reference Guide when appropriate.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER  
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND  
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Poland (also on behalf of Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, the United Kingdom, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the Czech Republic):

“Mr. Chairperson,

We believe the issue of gender constitutes an integral part of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

Consequently, we intend to expand the scope of our replies to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct to include information on women, peace and security – in accordance with attachment 1 to FSC Decision No. 2/09 regarding the technical update of the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct. We encourage all participating states to also include such information in their responses to the Questionnaire.

An indicative list of issues pertaining to women, peace and security has been attached to this statement.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

I kindly ask you to attach this interpretative statement and its attachment to the decision just made.”

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## **INDICATIVE LIST OF ISSUES PERTAINING TO WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY TO BE PROVIDED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE OSCE CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **I. Prevention**

1. Measures to increase armed forces personnel understanding of the special needs and contributions of women in conflict.
  - Inclusion of specific matters related to the protection of women's and girl's rights in the basic education of armed forces.
  - Availability of specialised in-service training for armed forces personnel on the protection of women's and girl's rights.
  - Inclusion of specific matters related to the protection of women's and girl's rights in the pre-deployment training for international peacekeeping missions.
  - Availability of plans to address and gather information from local women populations in areas at risk of conflicts.
  - Inclusion of systematic gender analysis of areas at risk of conflicts, including gender disaggregated socio-economic indicators and power over resources and decision making.
2. Measures to address the violation of the rights of women and girls, in line with international standards.
  - Number and percentage of military manuals, guidelines, national security policy frameworks, codes of conduct and standard operating procedures/protocols of national security forces that include measures to protect women's and girls' human rights.
  - Number and percentage of directives for peacekeepers issued by head of military components and standard operating procedures that include measures to protect women's and girl's human rights.

### **II. Participation**

1. Measures to increase the number of women in general and in decision-making positions in the armed forces and the ministry of defence.

- Number and percentage of women applying to be part of the military forces.
  - Establishment of policies to attract female candidates (Targeted campaigns, review of accession tests, etc).
  - Establishment, promotion, maintenance and use of specialised rosters of female profiles in the military fields.
  - Number and percentage of women in the military forces disaggregated by rank.
  - Number and percentage of discrimination and sexual harassment complaints that are referred, investigated and acted upon.
  - Development of regular analysis of retention and promotion practices for men and women in the forces.
2. Measures to increase the number of women in peacekeeping forces.
- Number and percentage of women in peacekeeping forces disaggregated by rank.
  - Number and percentage of international missions where gender advisors were appointed.
  - Number and percentage of participating State's international missions that address specific issues affecting women and girls in their terms of reference and the mission reports.

### **III. Protection**

1. Increased access to justice for women whose rights are violated.
- Number and percentage of reported cases of exploitation and abuse allegedly perpetrated by uniformed peacekeepers that are referred, investigated and acted upon.

### **IV. Other information**

- Information on the development, implementation and evaluation of a National Action Plan to implement UNSCR 1325.
- Information on best practices and lessons learned.
- Any other relevant information.