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**694th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 8/12  
MEETING OF THE HEADS OF VERIFICATION CENTRES 2012**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming that the OSCE Vienna Document 2011 (VD 2011) remains a key instrument for confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) and noting that the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) provides an important venue to discuss the implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of the VD 2011,

Taking note of the discussions and views expressed during the twenty-second AIAM,

Recalling that the aim of the Heads of Verification Centres meeting (HoV meeting) is to exchange experiences and information on technical aspects of implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of the VD 2011,

Recognizing the expectations expressed by the participating States for a substantial outcome of the 2012 HoV meeting,

Decides:

1. To call for a HoV meeting on 13 December 2012;
2. To task the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) to prepare and chair the meeting;
3. That the agenda for the 2012 meeting should include the following topics:
  - Current challenges and shortcomings in the implementation with regard to visits to airbases, visits to military facilities and demonstrations of new types of major weapons and equipment systems;
  - Implications of budgetary cuts and declining resources;
  - Current challenges and shortcomings in the implementation with regard to inspections and evaluation visits;
4. To task the CPC to report on the HoV meeting at the opening session of the twenty-third AIAM.