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**DECISION No. 6/07
PROTECTING CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE
FROM TERRORIST ATTACK**

The Ministerial Council,

Reaffirming the OSCE participating States' commitments to prevent and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Gravely concerned with the growing risk of terrorist attack on critical infrastructure, which, if disrupted or destroyed, would have a serious impact on the health, safety, security or economic well-being of citizens,

Determined to support the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which, *inter alia*, encourages Member States "to step up all efforts to improve the security and protection of particularly vulnerable targets, such as infrastructure and public places, as well as the response to terrorist attacks and other disasters, in particular in the area of civil protection",

Recognizing that critical energy infrastructure, including nuclear power-plants, dams of hydroelectric power plants, oil and gas producers, refineries, transmission facilities, supply routes and facilities, energy storage facilities as well as hazardous waste storage facilities, can be vulnerable to terrorist attack,

Willing to support the implementation of the G8 Action Plan on the Global Energy Security adopted in St. Petersburg in 2006, which promotes international co-operation to address threats to and vulnerabilities of critical energy infrastructure,

Noting Brussels Ministerial Council Decision No. 12/06 on energy security dialogue in the OSCE,

Recalling the outcome of the OSCE Political Conference on Public-Private Partnership in Countering Terrorism (31 May and 1 June 2007, Vienna),

Convinced that effective co-operation among participating States to protect critical energy infrastructure from terrorist attack would enhance security and stability in the OSCE region,

Determined to contribute to the enhancement of critical energy infrastructure protection from terrorist attack in addition to and in support of the efforts undertaken in relevant international organizations and structures,

1. Calls upon participating States to consider all necessary measures at the national level to ensure an adequate protection of critical energy infrastructure from terrorist attack;
2. Urges participating States to continue co-operation amongst them and to better co-ordinate measures to increase protection of critical energy infrastructure from terrorist attack;
3. Encourages participating States to further promote public-private partnership with business communities with a view to increasing critical energy infrastructure protection against terrorist attack and to effectively address preparedness/consequence management issues in this field;
4. Tasks the Secretary General to examine and report to the Permanent Council on opportunities for co-operation with relevant international organizations, including the International Atomic Energy Agency, in the field of protection of critical energy infrastructure from terrorist attack;
5. Invites the Secretary General to consider facilitating the exchange of best practices and the timely sharing of information on, and effective responses to, terrorist threats to the security of critical energy infrastructure without duplicating the activities already carried out by the relevant international organizations;
6. Invites the Permanent Council to remain seized of this issue and include it for consideration in the framework of relevant meetings and discussions within the OSCE;
7. Encourages the Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily implement the provisions of this decision.