



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
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**Chairmanship: Ireland**

## **DECISION ON THE OSCE HELSINKI+40 PROCESS**

The Ministerial Council,

Reaffirming its full adherence to the Charter of the United Nations and to all OSCE norms, principles and commitments, starting from the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and all other OSCE documents to which we have agreed, and our responsibility to implement them fully and in good faith,

Recalling the Astana Commemorative Declaration Towards a Security Community, in which participating States recommitted themselves to the vision of a free, democratic, common and indivisible Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community stretching from Vancouver to Vladivostok, rooted in agreed principles, shared commitments and common goals,

Recalling the determination of our Heads of State and Government to work together to fully realize this vision, and their pledge to do all they can to assist the incoming Chairmanships in achieving progress,

Welcoming the initiative to launch the “Helsinki+40” process as an inclusive effort by all participating States to provide strong and continuous political impetus to advancing work towards a security community, and further strengthening our co-operation in the OSCE on the way towards 2015, a year that marks four decades since the signing of the Helsinki Final Act,

Stressing that this special anniversary represents a unique opportunity to reaffirm the participating States’ commitment to the concept of comprehensive, co-operative, equal and indivisible security, by recording practical results reflecting intensified efforts to fully implement OSCE commitments and to reconfirm and build upon the OSCE achievements across the three dimensions, and to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century,

1. Calls on the forthcoming Chairmanships of Ukraine, Switzerland and Serbia to pursue the Helsinki+40 process on the basis of a co-ordinated strategic approach, adding a multi-year perspective and continuity to participating States’ work towards a security community;
2. Tasks forthcoming Chairmanships to facilitate this process by establishing an open-ended informal Helsinki+40 Working Group at the level of permanent representatives of all participating States;

3. Requests the current and incoming members of the Troika and forthcoming Chairmanships to propose the agenda of meetings of the Helsinki+40 Working Group;
4. Tasks forthcoming Chairmanships, assisted by the OSCE Secretary General, to regularly take stock of progress made under the Helsinki+40 process, and report to the participating States twice a year, before the summer recess and before the meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council;
5. Calls upon the Forum for Security Co-operation, within its mandate, to contribute to the Helsinki+40 process;
6. Calls on participating States to demonstrate commitment to the result-oriented process leading up to 2015.