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DECISION No. 426
TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

The Permanent Council,

Aware that trafficking in human beings affects virtually all OSCE participating States,

Taking note of the circulation of the OSCE Anti-Trafficking Guidelines and their distribution to all OSCE personnel, including field operations,

Mindful of the commitments contained in the Vienna Ministerial Decision on Enhancing the OSCE's Effort to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings (MC(8).DEC/1), which recognizes the primary responsibility of participating States to combat trafficking, and

Guided by the Platform for Co-operative Security adopted in Istanbul,

Requests the Chairman-in-Office, the Secretary General of the OSCE and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, within their capacity, to:

- Inform other international organizations about the position and the measures already taken by the OSCE, including dissemination by the OSCE Secretariat of the Code of Conduct for OSCE personnel and the OSCE Anti-Trafficking Guidelines;
- Encourage those international organizations to adopt similar instruments for their personnel if they have not yet done so, to implement them, to investigate cases of wrongdoing, and to take the appropriate measures where necessary;
- Invite the relevant international organizations to exchange information on their best practices and regulations already adopted in order to combat trafficking in human beings;
- Encourage them to participate in a joint response to trafficking.

The Permanent Council would appreciate early and regular reports on the results of those contacts.