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**DECISION No. 8/04
OSCE PRINCIPLES FOR EXPORT CONTROLS OF
MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS**

The Ministerial Council,

Recognizing the threats posed by unauthorized proliferation and use of man-portable air defence systems (MANPADS), especially to civilian aviation, peacekeeping, crisis management and anti-terrorist operations,

Willing to complement and thereby reinforce the implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in order to enhance effective export control of SALW in the OSCE area,

Bearing in mind that the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century adopted at Maastricht in December 2003 notes that the OSCE is using all the tools at its disposal to address proliferation of MANPADS,

Determined to contribute to reducing the risk of diversion of MANPADS into the illicit market by implementing strict export controls,

Endorses and underlines the importance of FSC Decision No. 3/04 of 26 May 2004 on OSCE Principles for Export Controls of Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS).