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DECISION No. 8/08
OSCE CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE OF
THE ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS INITIATIVE

The Ministerial Council,

Recognizing the need to promote mutual understanding and co-operative relations among nations across cultures and civilizations,

Resolved to counter radicalization and violent extremism that lead to terrorism,

Underlining the role of the OSCE as a regional arrangement under Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter,

Highlighting the continued interest of the OSCE in the “Alliance of Civilizations” initiative, established under the auspices of the United Nations, in line with the Ljubljana, Brussels and Madrid Ministerial Council decisions,

Reiterating our commitments to combating intolerance and discrimination and to promoting mutual respect and understanding,

Recalling the initial contribution of the OSCE to the Alliance of Civilizations initiative, presented to the UN Secretary General in 2006,

Taking into account the Implementation Plan prepared by the United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations initiative,

Decides, within existing resources, to:

1. Authorize the OSCE Secretary General to follow the evolution of the Alliance of Civilizations, to consider co-operation on Alliance of Civilizations projects in areas of common interest and mutual benefit that advance implementation of OSCE commitments, and tasks him to report to participating States;
2. Recommend that the OSCE Secretary General, in consultation with the Chairman-in-Office, attends the upcoming Second Forum Meeting of the Alliance of Civilizations initiative, to be held on 2 and 3 April 2009 in Istanbul, and reports on its outcome to the participating States.