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**DECISION No. 4/16
ENABLING THE PUBLICATION OF
INFORMATION EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF SMALL ARMS AND
LIGHT WEAPONS, CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS AND
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling MC Decision No. 10/14 in which participating States agreed to continue to strengthen efforts to fully implement existing measures and commitments set out in the OSCE Document on SALW, the OSCE Document on SCA, and related FSC decisions, further intensify efforts to continue implementing the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its aspects and ensure coherence and complementarity with the relevant United Nations framework,

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1), the OSCE Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers and the Questionnaire on Antipersonnel Landmines, willing to complement and thereby reinforce the implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, particularly by promoting co-operation and transparency,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 2/10 adopting for implementation the Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, in particular the action item 1.2(b) “FSC to consider making public one-off information exchanges on SALW, as appropriate”,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 7/04 updating the OSCE questionnaire on anti-personnel mines and explosive remnants of war,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 8/08 updating the reporting categories of weapon and equipment systems subject to the information exchange on conventional arms transfers,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 20/95 on the questionnaire on participating States’ policy and/or national practices and procedures for the export of conventional arms and related technology,

1 Includes minor corrections to the text.

Finally recalling the commitments relating to information exchanges with reference to OSCE Document on SALW, Sections II (D), III (F) and IV (E),

Decides to:

1. Make information exchanged by the participating States, following adoption of this decision and in accordance with the following decisions and documents, available to the public through posting on the OSCE's public website:

- (a) FSC.DEC/7/04 Questionnaire on anti-personnel landmines;
- (b) FSC.DEC/20/95 Questionnaire on conventional arms transfers;
- (c) FSC.DEC/8/08 Information exchange on conventional arms transfers;
- (d) OSCE Document on SALW (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, IV(E)2; FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, II(D)1; FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, III(F)2; and FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, IV(E)3);

2. Make information exchanged by the participating States in accordance with the following decisions and documents and upon their request available to the public through posting on the OSCE's public website:

- (a) FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, IV(E)1 Information exchange on the category, subcategory and quantity of small arms that have been identified as surplus and/or seized and destroyed on their territory during the previous calendar year;
- (b) FSC.DEC/4/08 Information exchange on the points of contacts on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition;
- (c) FSC.DEC/11/08 Questionnaire on national practices related to preventing the spread of SALW through illicit air transport;

3. Tasks the OSCE Secretariat to ensure a timely publication of these reports.