

**Second day of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting**  
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**COMMEMORATIVE DECLARATION ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
OSCE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING NON-PROLIFERATION AND  
FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540**

We, the ministers for foreign affairs of the participating States of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, are mindful of the threat posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery, and related materials to international peace and security.

We recall United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and its successor resolutions, in particular resolutions 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016), which called upon all States to take effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, and recognized the need to enhance co-ordination of efforts at the national, subregional, and regional levels in order to strengthen the global response to this serious challenge and threat to international security.

We reaffirm the OSCE commitments to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, contained, in particular, in the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation adopted in 1994 and updated in 2013, in the OSCE Ministerial Declaration on Non-Proliferation adopted in 2009 as well as in Forum for Security Co-operation Decision No. 4/15 on the OSCE's role in support of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004).

We recall that the participating States should implement fully their obligations under the disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements to which they are party.

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation, updated by the FSC in 2013, we recognize the continued relevance and undiminishing value of this document, which, *inter alia*, demonstrates the collective commitments of the participating States to address risks and challenges connected with weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery and related technologies and to strengthen the global non-proliferation regime and stresses the OSCE's contribution as a regional organization under Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter to these efforts.

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On the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) we recognize the progress achieved in its implementation in the OSCE area at the national and regional levels. At the same time much remains to be done, which necessitates continued and co-ordinated efforts of the international community. We welcome in this regard the OSCE's role in facilitating the implementation of resolution 1540 and subsequent resolutions by participating States in close co-ordination with the UNSC 1540 Committee to complement its efforts.

We reaffirm the readiness of the participating States and of the OSCE, as a regional organization under chapter VIII of the UN Charter, to take an active part in the 2020–2021 Comprehensive Review on the status of implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540, *inter alia*, with a view to specify the OSCE's role in facilitating its future implementation.

We reaffirm that the participating States are committed to continue to address proliferation risks and challenges resolutely and effectively to ensure peace, security and stability in the OSCE area through full implementation of resolution 1540 and adherence to the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER  
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND  
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“Having joined the consensus on the OSCE Ministerial Council document adopted today ‘Commemorative Declaration on the Occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation and Fifteenth Anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540’, the delegation of the Russian Federation believes it necessary to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

With respect to the fourth paragraph of that Declaration (‘We recall that the participating States should implement fully their obligations under the disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements to which they are party’), the Russian Federation points out that it suspended operation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE Treaty) in accordance with international law and that, consequently, the aforementioned paragraph no longer applies to the implementation of the CFE Treaty by the Russian Federation.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted document.”

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By the delegation of Ukraine (also on behalf of the United Kingdom and the United States of America):

“Mr. Chairperson,

Ukraine (also on behalf of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

With reference to paragraph 4 of the Commemorative Declaration on the Occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation and Fifteenth Anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540, we would also recall the commitments contained in the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with Ukraine’s accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons signed by the United States of America, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, at the OSCE conference in Budapest, Hungary on 5 December 1994.

I request that this statement be attached to the declaration and the journal of the day.

Thank you.”