



26th Joint Meeting of the FSC and the PC
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**DECISION No. 7/06
COMBATING THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS BY AIR**

The Forum for Security Co-operation,

Recalling the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century adopted by the Eleventh Meeting of the Ministerial Council,

Reaffirming its support for the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade of Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects,

Calling upon the participating States to implement the commitments contained in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, and other relevant decisions taken in the framework of the OSCE, in particular the decisions taken by the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) on standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures of SALW exports, as well as on OSCE principles on the control of brokering in SALW and FSC Decision No. 5/03 regarding the Handbook of Best Practices on SALW,

Welcoming the concrete steps undertaken so far in the framework of the OSCE to implement the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition,

Willing to consider the scope of participating States' action based upon the said documents and decisions,

Determined to contribute to reducing the risk of diversion of SALW into the illicit market, in particular through efforts to combat illicit trafficking of SALW by air,

Inviting all participating States to increase international legal co-operation in this respect,

Noting with concern that a major part of the illicit transportation of SALW is carried out by private cargo companies,

Convinced that improved controls over the air cargo sector, through enhanced implementation by the OSCE participating States of the relevant international regulations issued by competent international organizations, as well as of the international commitments regarding the control over transfers of SALW, would help combat and prevent the illicit spread of SALW through air transportation channels,

Mindful of the cross-dimensional aspects of the problem,

Decides to:

Hold a special FSC meeting on 21 March 2007. Discussion will include the following main issues:

- Development of a mechanism to exchange information on participating States' national legislation and regulations on import and export controls relating to the air transport sector, as well as the implementation of international regulations and commitments which are relevant to combating the illicit trafficking of SALW by air, especially in violation of the United Nations Security Council arms embargoes, with a view to identifying possible gaps as well as best practices;
- Engagement in a dialogue with private business actors in the air transport sector and competent international organizations, with a view to raising their awareness of illicit trafficking of SALW and to encourage co-operation between the state and the private sector;
- Development of a best practice guide on combating the illicit trafficking of SALW by air in all its aspects.