



**363rd Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 10/02  
REVISED ANNOUNCING AND REMINDING MECHANISM**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling FSC.DEC/10/98 on the Announcing and Reminding Mechanism,

Reaffirming the commitment of the OSCE participating States to full and timely implementation of all measures agreed by them,

Determined to make further efforts to strengthen compliance by adhering to the annual deadlines established by various FSC commitments,

Recognizing the need to improve existing procedures in order to jointly promote the implementation and fulfilment of commitments by the participating States,

Decides to replace FSC.DEC/10/98 with the mechanism described below, which will apply to the implementation of agreed CSBMs as well as to other commitments established by FSC Decisions;

Authorizes the Chairperson of the FSC to take necessary action to implement the Announcing and Reminding Mechanism;

Tasks the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) to support the Chairperson of the FSC in the implementation of this mechanism.

**Announcing and Reminding Mechanism**

This mechanism will apply to the implementation of agreed CSBMs as well as to other commitments established by FSC Decisions.

Level A

- Two months before the relevant deadline (see Annex), the CPC will inform all participating States of their commitment(s);

- The CPC will offer available technical or administrative assistance, if requested, to any participating State.

#### Level B

- Not later than two weeks after the deadline, participating States will provide the FSC Chair with a written explanation for failing to meet the relevant deadline and will specify a date when the commitment will be met. At the same time this information will be copied to the CPC which will also provide it to all participating States;
- If within this two week period no explanation is forthcoming, the Chairperson of the FSC will send a reminder letter on behalf of the FSC to the participating State that has not fulfilled its commitment;
- The CPC will prepare the reminder letter;
- The Chairperson of the FSC will inform the Plenary of letters sent and of any replies subsequently received.

#### Level C

If no explanation is forthcoming, four weeks after the reminder letter has been sent, the Chairperson of the FSC will make direct contact with the participating State that has not fulfilled its commitment in order to determine:

- The reason(s) for failure to provide a written explanation and/or to respond to the Chair's reminder letter;
- The obstacles to compliance and/or implementation problems; and
- Possible needs for assistance and solutions.

The Chairperson of the FSC will inform the Plenary of the status of Level C contacts in a general manner.

### **List of Annual Deadlines**

15 April	Information Exchange on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (FSC.DEC/4/98)
30 April	Global Exchange of Military Information (FSC/Journal 94/3 December 1994)
30 June	Information Exchange on Conventional Arms Transfers (FSC.DEC/13/97 and FSC.DEC/8/98)
30 June	Questionnaire on Conventional Arms Transfers (FSC.DEC/20/95)
30 June	Information Exchange on Small Arms Exports to, and Imports from, other participating States during the previous calendar year (FSC.DOC/01/00, III (F) 1)
30 June	Information Exchange on Small Arms identified as surplus and/or seized and destroyed (FSC.DOC/01/00, IV (E) 1)
1 September (until ratification)	Questionnaire on the Process of Ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (FSC.DEC/5/96)
15 November	Annual Calendars [VD 99, Paragraphs (61) to (66)]
15 November	Constraining Provisions [VD 99, Paragraphs (67) to (71)]
15 November	Information on the Plans for Contacts [VD 99 Paragraphs (36) and (37)]
15 December	Questionnaire on Anti-personnel Landmines (FSC.DEC/14/97/Corr.)
15 December	Annual Exchange of Military Information [VD 99, Paragraphs (9) to (14)]
3 months after national adoption	Defence Planning and Military Budget [VD 99, Paragraph (15)]

**Other information exchange commitments: updates to be provided  
when necessary**

Initial exchange: 30 June 2001	Information Exchange on National Marking Systems Used in the Manufacture and/or Import on Small Arms (FSC.DOC/01/00, II (D) 1)
Initial exchange: 30 June 2001	Information Exchange on National Procedures for the Control of the Manufacture of Small Arms (FSC.DOC/01/00, II (D) 1)
Initial exchange: 30 June 2001	Information Exchange on National Legislation and Current Practice in Export Policy, Procedures, Documentation and Controls over International Brokering (FSC.DOC/01/00, III (F) 2)
Initial exchange: 30 June 2001	Information Exchange on Techniques and Procedures for the Destruction of Small Arms (FSC.DOC/01/00, IV (E) 3)
Initial exchange: 30 June 2002	Information Exchange on National Stockpile Management and Security Procedures (FSC.DOC/01/00, IV (E) 2)

Remarks: The list of deadlines in this Annex will be updated if needed.