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**DECISION No. 12/08
INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH REGARD TO SAMPLE
FORMATS OF END-USER CERTIFICATES AND RELEVANT
VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00, 24 November 2000),

Recognizing the need of pursuing strict export controls to prevent the destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of small arms and light weapons (SALW) as set out in the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Section III, part A,

Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in SALW in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/15, 20 July 2001) where States affirm their commitment to put in place and implement adequate laws, regulations and administrative procedures to ensure the effective control over the export and transit of SALW, including the use of authenticated end-user certificates and effective legal and enforcement measures,

Mindful of the need to assess the implementation of FSC Decision No. 5/04 on standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures for SALW exports,

Recognizing the importance of transparency measures in the area of SALW export control documentation, in particular of end-user verification, which could assist in assessing the level of implementation of existing commitments and could be used as a tool for identifying strengths and possible areas for improvement,

1. Requests participating states to provide a sample format of their national end-user certificate and/or other pertinent documents to all other participating States and the Conflict Prevention Centre by 27 March 2009. Where appropriate, a courtesy translation of the original sample certificate and/or other pertinent documents into one of the official OSCE languages should be attached to the submission;

2. Encourages participating States to provide, together with this information exchange, additional information, as appropriate, on relevant verification procedures for end-user certificates, which might include procedures for signing and approving end-user certificates and for the verification of information provided.