



291st Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 6/00
SOLUTION FOR PHASE II OF THE UPGRADE OF THE
OSCE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling its Decision No.5/98, dated 8 July 1998, on the upgrade of the OSCE Communications Network,

Recalling the provisions of the OSCE Communications Network Document (FSC.DEC/5/99, 6 October 1999),

Noting the recommendation by the Project Management Team (PMT) and the Configuration Control Board (CCB) to use the Internet for the implementation of Phase II of the network upgrade as recorded in the Co-ordinator's report on the 20th meeting of the Configuration Control Board (FSC.GAL/41/00, 7 April 2000),

Decides to:

- Task the technical subgroups with designing, developing and presenting a network solution (which may include public or private Internet technologies), taking into account the following general requirements:
 - (a) The network solution will allow connection to all participating States;
 - (b) The network solution will consider overall network costs;
 - (c) The network solution will be based on commonly used and officially recognized standards or protocols;
 - (d) The network solution will be compatible with existing end-user station hardware and notification applications;
 - (e) The communications network administration will be centralized;
 - (f) Confirmation of notification/message delivery (time delivered and time read) or confirmation of non-delivery will be provided;

- (g) Verification of notification/message origin will be provided;
- (h) Methods to ensure the integrity and privacy of notifications/messages will be provided;
- (i) Methods to prevent unauthorized access will be provided;
- (j) A complete transaction log of notifications/messages will be provided.