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**DECISION No. 618
SOLIDARITY WITH VICTIMS OF TERRORISM**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling that the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism proclaims the commitment of participating States to take measures needed to prevent terrorist acts and to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, especially the right to life, of everyone within their jurisdiction against terrorist acts,

Considering that acts of terrorism seriously impair the enjoyment of human rights, and reaffirming our resolve to prevent and combat terrorism and thereby increase the security of our citizens,

Reaffirming the undertaking set out in the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism that all measures taken to counter terrorism must be in accordance with participating States' obligations under international law,

Recognizing the need to strengthen solidarity with victims of terrorism, who have suffered bodily injury or impairment of health, and with dependants and family members of persons who have died as a result of such attacks, in accordance with each State's domestic law,

1. Invites the participating States to explore the possibility of introducing or enhancing appropriate measures, subject to domestic legislation, for support, including financial assistance, to victims of terrorism and their families;
2. Encourages the participating States to co-operate with relevant institutions of civil society in expressing solidarity with and providing support for the victims of terrorism and their families;
3. Asks the ODIHR and the Secretariat to promote this Decision at relevant OSCE events;
4. Asks the ODIHR to compile existing legislation relating to assistance to and compensation for the victims of terrorism, so as to promote best practices in this area, and invites participating States to provide relevant information to the ODIHR;
5. Asks the Secretary General to include information on the implementation of this Decision in his annual report.