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The Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe presents its compliments to all Delegations and Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and, with reference to FSC Decision 2/09 on the Information Exchange on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, in particular to Question 1.2 of the Questionnaire, has the honour to inform that:

- on 11 July 2013, the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State has introduced into the Vatican City State Criminal Law the offences set forth in the following international legal instruments against terrorism (Vatican City State Law No. VIII, of 11 July 2013, containing *Supplementary Norms on Criminal Law Matters*):

- ♦ 1963 Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed On Board Aircraft;
- ♦ 1970 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft;
- ♦ 1971 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation;
- ♦ 1979 International Convention against the Taking of Hostages;
- ♦ 1980 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material;
- ♦ 1988 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation;
- ♦ 1988 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation;

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- ♦ 1988 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf;
- ♦ 1997 International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings;
- ♦ 2005 International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism;
- ♦ 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material;
- ♦ 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation;
- ♦ 2005 Protocol to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf;
- ♦ 2010 Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation;
- ♦ 2010 Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft;

- on 11 July 2013, the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State has amended the Vatican City State Criminal Procedure Code in order to modernize its provisions on international judicial cooperation in light of the requirements set forth in the aforementioned instruments (Vatican City State Law No. IX, of 11 July 2013, containing *Amendments to the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code*);

- on 11 July 2013, His Holiness Supreme Pontiff Francis, by means of the Apostolic Letter in form of *Motu Proprio, On the Jurisdiction of Judicial Authorities of Vatican City State in Criminal Matters*, has extended the jurisdiction of the Vatican tribunals to the crimes referred to in the aforementioned law, when committed against the security, the fundamental interests or the patrimony of the Holy See, or by public officials of the Holy See in the exercise of their functions.

At the same time, the Permanent Mission of the Holy See confirms that the responses provided in previous years remain valid.

The Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Delegations and Missions to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 10 April 2014

