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**DECISION No. 619
PROJECTS TO ASSIST BELARUS TO RESOLVE
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS PROBLEMS**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with its Decision No. 535 and FSC Decision No. 15/02,

Taking into account the Report on the OSCE Initial Assessment Visit on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) to Belarus from 26 to 29 April 2004 (FSC.GAL/55/04), as well as the additional information provided by the Belarusian delegation (FSC.DEL/243/04) in response to recommendations contained in the Report,

Decides to:

Acknowledge the assessment team conclusion that Belarus will benefit from assistance for SALW destruction and the improvement of stockpile security and management,

Commence, on the basis of the initial assessment and the Report recommendations, the development of special SALW projects for Belarus,

Establish under the CPC leadership a SALW expert team that will prepare, in close co-ordination with the requesting government, a detailed project plan to address the identified problems,

Encourage participating States to nominate their candidates to the expert team and/or indicate their intention to contribute to the implementation of the project plan,

Request the Forum for Security Co-operation to follow up on the development of the project plan.