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DECISION No. 9/11
STRENGTHENING CO-ORDINATION AND COHERENCE IN THE
OSCE'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS TRANSNATIONAL THREATS

The Ministerial Council,

Bearing in mind the evolving transnational threats and challenges to security, which may originate within or outside the OSCE region, and which the OSCE must address on the basis of its inherent strengths, namely its broad membership and its multidimensional concept of common, comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible security,

Reiterating the determination expressed by Heads of State or Government of the OSCE participating States in the 2010 Astana Commemorative Declaration: Towards a Security Community to achieve greater unity of purpose and action in facing emerging transnational threats, such as terrorism, organized crime, illegal migration, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, cyberthreats and the illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons, drugs and human beings,

Mindful of Brussels Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 on further strengthening the effectiveness of OSCE executive structures and further stressing the need for close co-ordination among the Secretariat's thematic units, the institutions and the field operations, while taking into account the experience that has been acquired by the OSCE executive structures, and respecting their mandates,

Welcoming the progress that has been made in the implementation of Athens Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/09 on further OSCE efforts to address transnational threats and challenges to security and stability and taking into account the report by the OSCE Secretary General of June 2010 on the implementation of that decision,

Noting the attention given to strengthening common efforts to counter existing and emerging transnational threats and challenges and to utilizing the OSCE's expertise more effectively in the Corfu Process, the 2010 OSCE Review Conference and during the Astana Summit,

Cognizant of the need to better identify emerging threats and evolving interlinkages between various strands of transnational threats, to implement necessary and timely adjustments in the Organization's approach, as well as to develop effective forms of

interaction with other international actors on the basis of the Platform for Co-operative Security adopted at the Istanbul Summit meeting in 1999,

Aiming at further strengthening co-ordination and coherence within the OSCE to address transnational threats, while at the same time in addition consolidating OSCE mandates in this area, with the aim of better translating political commitments into effective and sustainable programmatic action,

Cognizant of the fact that threats originating or evolving in adjacent regions may have an impact on the security and stability of the OSCE region and that, for that reason, there is a need to intensify co-operation also with the OSCE Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation by identifying areas of common interest and concern and possibilities for further co-ordinated action,

1. Welcomes the proposals by the Secretary General included in the 2012 Unified Budget Proposal for the creation of a department to address transnational threats, consistent with the OSCE's mandates and within available resources, with a view to ensuring better co-ordination, strengthened coherence and more efficient use of the OSCE's resources in addressing transnational threats;
2. Tasks the Secretary General, in consultation with the Participating States, with further intensifying efforts to promote more operational co-operation and co-ordination on issues related to transnational threats with Partners for Co-operation, other international and regional organizations and with the involvement of civil society, *inter alia* by convening joint expert meetings, sharing information and best practices and co-ordinating programmes and plans of action, when appropriate;
3. Further tasks the Secretary General acting as a focal point for Organization-wide programmatic activities that relate to countering transnational threats, to ensure co-ordination and coherence of action across all three OSCE dimensions, among all OSCE executive structures, while respecting their mandates;
4. Calls on the Secretary General to report regularly to the OSCE participating States, assessing the programmatic effectiveness and progress achieved in the activities that relate to countering transnational threats;
5. Invites the Secretary General, based on the experience to be gained in the implementation of this decision and bearing in mind the relevant OSCE decisions, to further explore possible options for strengthening co-ordination and coherence of action in the OSCE's work relating to transnational threats and to submit them to the Permanent Council, if needed and within available resources.