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**DECISION No. 813
COMBATING THE THREAT OF ILLICIT DRUGS AND PRECURSORS**

The Permanent Council,

Seriously concerned about the continuing spread of illicit trafficking in opiates from Afghanistan, synthetic drugs, cannabis, cocaine and chemical precursors throughout the OSCE area,

Stressing the OSCE anti-drug commitments enshrined, in particular, in the Helsinki Document (1992), the Charter for European Security (1999), the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century (2003) and the Border Security and Management Concept (2005),

Reiterating the commitments of participating States, set forth in PC Decision No. 758, to ratify and fully implement their obligations under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol; the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971; and the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,

Mindful of the fact that the OSCE is a partner in the Paris Pact,

Recognizing the extensive role of the UNODC in promoting international anti-drug co-operation and highlighting the need for co-ordination with the UNODC, Paris Pact, INCB and other relevant international structures,

Recognizing the positive record of work in 2007 by the Secretary General and field operations to assist participating States, upon their request, on anti-drug issues through organization of regional workshops and facilitation of training, including workshops in Bishkek and Belgrade, training courses in Ashgabad for Turkmenistan's practitioners and in Domodedovo for Afghanistan's anti-drug police officers,

Taking note of the recommendations and outcome of the OSCE Expert Conference on Fighting the Threat of Illicit Drugs (Vienna, 28 and 29 June 2007),

1. Urges the participating States to enhance their anti-drug co-operation and to fully implement their obligations under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol; the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971; and the

UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, and to make full use of these Conventions, *inter alia*, through mutual legal assistance and extradition of drug criminals;

2. Calls upon the Secretary General to further develop co-operation in the field of anti-drug matters with the UNODC, Paris Pact and other relevant international structures and organizations, by, *inter alia*, organizing joint regional and subregional workshops and other activities;

3. Tasks the Secretary General with convening in 2008 in Vienna, in co-operation with the UNODC and other relevant international institutions, an OSCE expert conference on international co-operation to combat trafficking in illicit drugs and chemical precursors, for representatives of participating States, Partners for Co-operation and relevant international and regional organizations;

4. Tasks the Secretary General with continuing training activities on drug-related matters, including conducting in 2008 a follow-up training project for Afghanistan's anti-drug police officers in Domodedovo to be funded through the Unified Budget;

5. Requests that the Secretary General collaborate with UNODC, including Paris Pact and INCB secretariat, and other international and regional anti-drug structures and organizations to co-ordinate anti-drug activities, avoid unnecessary duplication and further identify key drug and chemical precursors control issues, where OSCE could play an effective role in supporting global efforts to combat illicit drug trafficking;

6. Encourages the participating States, Partners for Co-operation and the Secretary General to make full use of the OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Points Network to facilitate exchange of information on drug-related matters;

7. Encourages the Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily implement the OSCE anti-drug commitments and to participate in the OSCE anti-drug activities.