

Second day of the Thirteenth Meeting
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DECISION No. 5/05
COMBATING THE THREAT OF ILLICIT DRUGS

The Ministerial Council,

Seriously concerned about the trafficking in illicit drugs that pose a threat to stability and security, both inside and outside the OSCE area,

Recalling the Charter for European Security (1999), the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism (2001), the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism (2002), and the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century (2003), which underline, *inter alia*, the threat of illicit drugs,

Recognizing links that exist between the threats of illicit drugs, terrorism and transnational organized crime, and reaffirming the commitment to explore synergetic approaches to deal with them,

Reaffirming that an effective and comprehensive international approach to dealing with the issue of trafficking in illicit drugs in the whole OSCE area needs to be developed,

Noting the role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in supporting international co-operation in the field of drug control, *inter alia*, through the Paris Pact Initiative,

Stressing the need to continue the collaborative efforts already underway between the OSCE and the UNODC on drug-related issues,

1. Urges the participating States to enhance their co-operation in preventing and countering the threat of production of and trafficking in illicit drugs;
2. Tasks the Secretary General to organize in 2006, in co-ordination with the participating States concerned and the Chairmanship-in-Office, and in co-operation with the UNODC, an expert workshop for practitioners from participating States, Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and Partners for Co-operation, and representatives of relevant international organizations, designed to facilitate the exchange of information on the production of and trafficking in illicit drugs and to identify possibilities for further co-ordinated actions;

3. Tasks the Secretary General to enhance co-operation with the UNODC and other relevant organizations in combating the trafficking of illicit drugs, to inform the participating States regularly of the results of such co-operation and to propose further measures in this direction;
4. Encourages the Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily implement the OSCE commitments to combat the threat of illicit drugs in order to contribute to OSCE efforts in this field.

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Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 79
(CHAPTER 6) OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Turkey:

“Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations:

We have joined the consensus in order to make possible the adoption of this decision which, *inter alia*, addresses an important component of our collective fight against terrorism, namely, the links between terrorism and organized crime. The language in the decision seeks to reaffirm these links by means of formulations that are at variance with the OSCE agreed documents. Turkey regards the context in which this decision is elaborated to be inappropriate for a competent and thorough consideration of the nature of these links. Therefore, the adoption of the decision in no way alters, either in letter or spirit, the binding character, or mitigates the operational impact, of the participating States’ earlier policy statements contained in the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism (2001) and the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism (Porto, 2002), and more importantly, United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).

Turkey requests that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.”