

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

DECLARATION

SECURITY THROUGH SOLIDARITY

1. Meeting in Sintra, Portugal, on 9 October 2001, we the members of the Standing Committee of Heads of Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) express our outrage over the criminal and unjustifiable terrorist attacks that took place in the United States of America on 11 September 2001. These tragic events demonstrate the need for an increased cooperation between the international organisations dealing with security matters.
2. We again reiterate our strong condemnation over the increasing number of murders perpetrated by various terrorist organisations in the OSCE area in the past years
3. We recall the commitments undertaken by all the OSCE participating States in Article 4 of the 1999 Istanbul Summit Charter: *“International terrorism, violent extremism, organised crime and drug trafficking represent growing challenges to security. Whatever its motives, terrorism in all forms and manifestations is unacceptable. We will enhance our efforts to prevent the preparation and financing of any act of terrorism on our territories and deny terrorists safe havens”*
4. We recall Paragraph 31 (Chapter III) of the 1993 *Helsinki Declaration* of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly: *[the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly] Condemns terrorism and violence in all forms as crimes against humanity and urges international cooperation to combat such terrorism and to bring about peaceful solutions to problems of minorities of all countries.”*
5. We recall Paragraph 60 (Chapter III) of the 1994 *Vienna Declaration* of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly: *[the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly] condemns terrorism in all forms and urges international co-operation to combat such terrorism and to bring about peaceful solutions to problems of minorities of all countries.*
6. We recall Paragraph 6 (Chapter I) of the 2000 *Bucharest Declaration* of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly: *[the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly] recalls that international terrorism, racism, xenophobia, drug trafficking, violent extremism, organised crime and the illicit trafficking in arms and human beings have serious implications for democratic systems.*

7. We express full support of Resolution 1373 (2001) adopted by the UN Security Council on 28 September 2001..
8. We recognize that terrorism, in any of its forms and manifestations, is today one of the greatest threats to security and co-operation in the OSCE area. Therefore
 - a. We strongly condemn all terrorist actions, practices and methods.
 - b. We recommend that the OSCE participating States agree upon a definition of terrorism and to elaborate on global strategies of a political, economic, social and cultural nature for fighting against this phenomenon avoiding the risk of identifying it with a specific religion or ethnic group.
 - c. We recommend the establishment of an international network of sub-regional centres for gathering information on terrorist activities and combating them.
 - d. We recommend to all the OSCE participating States to take concrete legislative measures in order to combat international terrorism and terrorists including the harmonisation of extradition procedures and greater control in the movement of suspect individuals and groups with a view to concluding a comprehensive international convention of fighting terrorism.
 - e. We recommend to all the OSCE participating States to adopt appropriate legislation for surveying the lines of financing terrorist activities and, also, for combating commercial activities which, even if carried in a legal framework, ultimately support terrorist activities.
 - f. We call on the Governments of the OSCE participating States to cooperate in order to bring promptly to justice all those responsible for terrorist actions stressing the refusal to negotiate with terrorist groups or under their pressure.
 - g. We recommend that the Governments of the OSCE participating States adopt the necessary legal measures to enhance the sharing and of information and co-operation among the intelligence, security and police services of the OSCE participating States and consider the establishment of rapid reaction forces.
 - h. We urge the Governments of the participating States of the OSCE to address the issue of combating international terrorism in the Declaration of the OSCE Ministerial Council to be held in Bucharest on 3 and 4 December 2001.
 - i. We welcome the initiative taken by the Chairmanship in Office of the OSCE to develop an OSCE wide plan of action for the fight against terrorism