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**DECISION No. 16/07
EXTENDED DIALOGUE WITH THE OSCE
PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION ON CIVIL-MILITARY
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recognizing the national responsibilities of all participating States for ensuring plans for dealing with emergencies such as accidents involving chemicals or toxic spills, avalanches, floods and earthquakes, or managing the consequences of terrorists attacks,

Also recognizing that disasters, whether man-made or natural, do not recognise international borders, therefore making international co-operation a useful tool,

Recalling the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century adopted in Maastricht in 2003, which called for an OSCE response to ecological disasters that can provide a substantial negative impact on the health, welfare, stability and security of participating States,

Recalling the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension also adopted in 2003, which called for a common response and action to combat ecological disasters resulting from natural causes, economic activities or terrorist attacks that may pose a serious threat to stability and security,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/04 on the OSCE and its Partners for Co-operation that refers to the report on the implementation of PC.DEC/571/Corr.1, distributed under the reference PC.DEL/366/04/Rev.4, which identifies the possibility to exchange views on how Civil Military Emergency Planning (CMEP) activities could serve as a confidence- and security-building measure with the Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation.

Referring to the Border Security and Management Concept adopted in Ljubljana in 2005, which called for possible specialized assistance upon request of interested participating States in facilitating cross-border co-operation in case of natural disasters or serious accidents in border zones,

1. Welcomes the contributions and discussions on CMEP during the Special FSC Meeting held on 26 September 2007;

2. Takes note of the survey of suggestions and recommendations made during the Special FSC Meeting, included in the report provided by the FSC Chairperson and distributed under reference FSC.GAL/111/07 of 15 October 2007;
3. Calls upon the participating states to remain seized of this matter and continue to engage OSCE Partners for Co-operation in dialogue on a bilateral basis on co-operation in activities relating to CMEP;
4. Encourages the participating States to report, when appropriate, on progress and achievements concerning the involvement of the OSCE Partners for Co-operation in activities relating to CMEP.