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THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OSCE OF THE
MEMBER STATES OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY TREATY
ORGANIZATION AT THE 1026th MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On joint efforts to counter transnational threats

We, the permanent representatives to the OSCE of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization,

Concerned at the spread within the OSCE region and beyond its borders of transnational threats, particularly terrorism, organized crime, illicit trafficking in narcotics, corruption, money-laundering, cybercrime and other forms of organized transnational crime;

Confirming the relevance of the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century (2003) and the Astana Commemorative Declaration (2010), in which the Heads of State or Government of the OSCE participating States undertook to achieve greater unity of purpose and action in facing transnational threats;

Guided by Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/09 on further OSCE efforts to address transnational threats and challenges to security and stability, Ministerial Council Decision No. 9/11 on strengthening co-ordination and coherence in the OSCE's efforts to address transnational threats, and Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/12 on the OSCE's efforts to address transnational threats;

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration on Strengthening the OSCE's Efforts to Address Transnational Threats (2013), the OSCE Concept for Combating the Threat of Illicit Drugs and the Diversion of Chemical Precursors, the OSCE Strategic Framework for Police-Related Activities, the OSCE Consolidated Framework for the Fight against Terrorism, and the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept;

Emphasize that the above-mentioned documents form a solid basis for the OSCE's work in countering transnational threats and note the importance of their full, constant and effective implementation and integration into the OSCE's activities;

Call for additional measures to strengthen the capacity of the OSCE's executive structures to counter transnational threats, including terrorism, violent extremism, illicit trafficking in narcotics, particularly from Afghanistan, corruption, money-laundering and

cybercrime on the basis of a multidimensional concept of common, co-operative, comprehensive and indivisible security;

Stressing the OSCE's important role as an effective regional instrument for implementing United Nations counter-terrorism resolutions, call for the necessary efforts to be made to implement United Nations Security Council resolution 2178 (2014) concerning prevention and addressing the threats posed by foreign terrorist fighters, in particular from terrorist organizations like the Islamic State, the Al-Nusrah Front and also other groups connected with Al-Qaida;

Call for stepping up the OSCE's activities to counter transnational threats, also within the framework of the annual OSCE system-wide dedicated thematic conferences aimed at achieving practical results and financed from the Organization's unified budget;

Note the need to develop further co-operation with the United Nations and other relevant international and regional organizations on the basis of the Platform for Co-operative Security (1999) and also with the OSCE Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation with a view to improving the effectiveness of the OSCE's response to transnational threats and challenges to security, including co-operation where necessary with civil society.