

**996th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 8/21  
UPDATED BEST PRACTICE GUIDE ON PROCEDURES FOR  
MANAGEMENT OF STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL  
AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Fulfilling the mandate given by Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/17 on small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA), adopted in Vienna in December 2017, and encouraged by the acknowledgement of the 2018 Milan Ministerial Council Declaration on OSCE Efforts in the Field of Norms and Best Practices on SALW and SCA of “the need for the OSCE to continue to enhance its SALW- and SCA-related norms and best practices and their implementation”,

Recognizing the outcomes of the United Nations Seventh Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, which took place in New York from 26 to 30 July 2021,

Acknowledging that the updated best practice guide could also serve as a guide for national policymaking on the part of participating States and encourage the voluntary implementation of higher common standards of practice among all participating States,

Noting that the updated best practice guide could also be useful to OSCE Partners for Co-operation and other United Nations Member States in their efforts to establish procedures for management of stockpiles of conventional ammunition,

Decides to:

1. Welcome, giving it its full title, the updated Best Practice Guide on Procedures for Management of Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, which provides recommended best practices that will facilitate and enhance proper management of national stockpiles of conventional ammunition, explosive material and detonating devices (FSC.DEL/263/20/Rev.1);
2. Endorse the publication of the updated best practice guide in all six OSCE languages and to encourage participating States to make the guide available as appropriate;

3. Task the Conflict Prevention Centre with ensuring the widest possible circulation of the updated best practice guide, including to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation and the United Nations;

4. Request that the updated best practice guide be presented at the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

This updated Best Practice Guide replaces the Best Practice Guide on Procedures for Management of Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DEL/187/05/Rev3, 14 July 2006) welcomed by the FSC Decision No. 6/08 on the Handbook of Best Practices on Conventional Ammunition dated 18 June 2003.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER  
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND  
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“Having joined the consensus regarding the Forum for Security Co-operation decision adopted today on the updated Best Practice Guide on Procedures for Management of Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, the delegation of the Russian Federation deems it necessary to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

In welcoming the adoption of the updated Best Practice Guide on Procedures for Management of Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, the Russian Federation proceeds on the basis that the implementation of this document will be of a voluntary nature.

We request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision.”