



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/489
18 July 2002

Original: ENGLISH

403rd Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 403, Agenda item 3

**DECISION No. 489
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OSCE DOCUMENT
ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the commitments agreed to by participating States contained in the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00),

Recognizing the important contribution made by the Document, both within the OSCE region and at the global level, in the development of common standards to prevent the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of small arms and light weapons,

Recalling also the commitments of the participating States to use the FSC to consider ways to fully implement the Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, *inter alia*, Section V in accordance with the Bucharest Ministerial Council Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism (Annex to MC(9).DEC/1),

Noting in particular Section V of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, which deals with norms, principles and measures related to small arms as part of early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, in which both the Forum for Security Co-operation and the Permanent Council are committed to include any role played by the destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of small arms in their assessments in conflict prevention or a post-conflict situation,

Taking into account Bucharest Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on Fostering the Role of the OSCE as a Forum for Political Dialogue (MC(9).DEC/3), where upon request of the Permanent Council, the Forum for Security Co-operation will make available its expert advice on issues of a politico-military nature,

Seeking active contribution of all participating States and taking into account, when appropriate, possible inputs from the field missions in accordance with their respective mandates, and in consultation with and the agreement of the host countries,

Decides,

To request the Forum for Security Co-operation to provide the Permanent Council with its expert advice on the implementation of Section V of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons in advance of the Tenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council.