

887th Plenary Meeting
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DECISION No. 4/18
**DATES OF THE BIENNIAL MEETING TO ASSESS THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS
AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL
AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Mindful of the important role of the OSCE in combating the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) in all its aspects and of its efforts to contribute to the reduction and prevention of the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW,

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening efforts aimed at ensuring the full implementation of the OSCE Document on SALW (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012), the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA) (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), and related FSC decisions, including the OSCE Plan of Action on SALW (FSC.DEC/2/10, 26 May 2010),

Recalling Section VI of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, in which the participating States agreed that the FSC would review regularly, including, as appropriate, through annual review meetings, the implementation of the norms, principles and measures in the document, and agreed to keep its scope and content under regular review and to work on the further development of the document in the light of its implementation and of the work of the United Nations and of other international organizations and institutions, and

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/17 tasking the FSC to consider commencing biennial meetings to assess the implementation of the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA; to continue discussing the outcomes of the Review Conferences and Biennial Meetings of States, in the present instance the forthcoming Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in 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; to continue further steps to improve the efficiency and outcome of SALW and SCA projects to ensure the maximum possible value in dealing with the challenges associated with SALW and SCA in line with the OSCE assistance mechanisms as outlined in the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA and relevant FSC decisions; to further intensify efforts to continue implementing the OSCE Plan of Action on SALW in all its aspects; and to explore

ways to complement the existing OSCE measures aimed at addressing the illicit trafficking of SALW,

Decides to:

1. Organize the Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA for 2 and 3 October 2018;
2. Task the OSCE Secretariat with supporting the organization of this meeting;
3. Invite the OSCE participating States to consider providing extrabudgetary contributions for the meeting.