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The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling the Follow-up Conference on the Code of Conduct on politico-military aspects of security of 22-24 September 1997,

Acknowledging that the implementation of the Code of Conduct has made substantial progress throughout the OSCE area, and

Recognizing that a regular information exchange among participating States would benefit the implementation of the Code of Conduct,

- Decides that the participating States, on an annual basis, will provide each other, and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), relevant information on the Code, including steps taken for its implementation, in accordance with the attached list of items, no later than 15 April 1999 and any subsequent updates by 15 April of each year;
- Tasks the CPC with maintaining a record of this information;
- Agrees to hold, each year, a special session of the appropriate FSC Working Group to discuss the information provided.

Information exchange on the Code of Conduct on
politico-military aspects of security

Participating States will supply relevant information (including documents where appropriate) on the following items:

1. Appropriate measures to prevent and combat terrorism, in particular participation in international agreements to that end. (Paragraph 6)
2. National planning and decision-making process for the determination of the military posture, including:
 - (a) the role of Parliament and Ministries;
 - (b) public access to information related to the armed forces.(Paragraphs 13, 22)
3. Stationing of armed forces on the territory of another participating State in accordance with their freely negotiated agreement as well as in accordance with international law. (Paragraph 14)
4. Constitutionally established authorities and procedures to ensure effective democratic political control of:
 - (a) armed forces;
 - (b) paramilitary forces;
 - (c) internal security forces;
 - (d) intelligence services;
 - (e) police.(Paragraphs 20, 21)
5. Roles and missions of the following types of forces as well as controls to ensure that they act solely within the constitutional framework:
 - (a) military;
 - (b) paramilitary;
 - (c) security forces.(Paragraph 21)
6. Procedures for the recruitment or call-up of personnel for service in the:
 - (a) military;
 - (b) paramilitary;
 - (c) security forces.(Paragraph 27)

7. Where applicable, legislation or other relevant documents governing exemptions from, or alternatives to compulsory military service. (Paragraph 28)
8. Instruction on international humanitarian law and other international rules, conventions and commitments governing armed conflict included in military training programmes and regulations. (Paragraphs 29, 30)
9. Legal and administrative procedures protecting the rights of all forces personnel. (Paragraph 33)
10. Any other information.