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**DECISION No. 678  
RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION  
OF ACTS OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM**

The Permanent Council,

Noting the support expressed by the OSCE participating States for the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 April 2005, which will be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 14 September 2005,

1. Requests the Chair of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairman-in-Office the draft ministerial statement on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism as contained in document MC.DD/2/05/Rev.1 of 13 June 2005;
2. Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of this statement through a silence procedure, with a period of silence expiring on 20 June 2005 at 12 noon CET.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT  
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE  
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of the United States of America:

“In connection with the decision we just adopted to recommend that the Ministerial Council adopt a statement on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, the United States wishes to make the following interpretative statement.

‘The United States will make a good faith effort to seek the necessary legal authority to sign the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism on 14 September 2005, but we underscore that this decision does not create a commitment to sign unless we have the proper authority to do so by this date.’

We ask that this statement be attached to the decision and included in the Journal of the day.”