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**DECISION No. 3/07
ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling Decision V of the CSCE Helsinki Document 1992, which established the Forum for Security Co-operation, and reaffirming that the participating States will ensure that their efforts in the Forum towards arms control, disarmament and confidence- and security-building, security co-operation and conflict prevention are coherent, interrelated and complementary,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 3, adopted at the Ninth Meeting of the Council, in Bucharest in 2001, on Fostering the Role of the OSCE as a Forum for Political Dialogue that, *inter alia*, tasked the Forum for Security Co-operation with addressing those aspects of new security challenges which fall within its mandate, and updating its activities accordingly,

Desirous of further building upon the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century, adopted by the Eleventh Meeting of the Ministerial Council, the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and the relevant decisions adopted in the framework of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Recognizing the security and safety risks posed by the presence of stockpiles of conventional ammunition, explosive material and detonating devices, including liquid rocket fuel, in surplus and/or awaiting destruction in some participating States in the OSCE area, and reaffirming the will of the OSCE participating States to continue providing assistance regarding the destruction of these stockpiles and/or the upgrading of stockpile management and security practices for participating States that request it,

Determined to continue enhancing the implementation of the existing confidence- and security-building measures in the framework of the Vienna Document 1999, taking into account the evolving nature of threats to security and stability in the OSCE area,

Also determined to continue enhancing the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

1. Welcomes, within the Forum for Security Co-operation:
 - The efforts aimed at strengthening the implementation of existing confidence- and security-building measures in the OSCE area;
 - The active and topical discussions held in 2007 on regional and subregional issues under the Security Dialogue;
 - The discussions at the special meetings of the Forum on combating the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons by air, held on 21 March 2007; on civil-military emergency preparedness, held on 26 September 2007; and on existing and future arms control and confidence- and security-building measures in the OSCE area, held on 24 October 2007, and takes note of the chairpersons' reports on these meetings;
 - The progress achieved so far in the ongoing work in the Forum for Security Co-operation to develop best practice guides related to stockpiles of conventional ammunition, and best practice guides for implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;
 - The progress reports on the further implementation of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition and on the further implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, as submitted to the Fifteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council pursuant to Decision No. 8/06, adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council;
 - The ongoing work in the FSC on efforts to further improve the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security;
 - The decision adopted by the Forum for Security Co-operation, declaring its support for the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism;
2. Calls upon the Forum for Security Co-operation to continue its efforts to address these issues in a comprehensive manner, reflecting the OSCE's concept of co-operative security and working in concert also, when appropriate, with other international fora;
3. Requests the Forum for Security Co-operation to submit, through its Chairperson, progress reports to the Sixteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2008 on the following:
 - The continuing implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition;
 - Efforts to further improve the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security;
 - Efforts in the field of arms control agreements and confidence- and security-building measures in accordance with its mandate.