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The Forum for Security Co-operation decides on the follow-up to the Seminar on Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers (REF.FSC/133/95/Rev.4) (Annex).

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Seminar on Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers

1. The Forum for Security Co-operation expresses its satisfaction with regard to the Seminar on Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers, held in Vienna on 20 and 21 June 1995. During these two days experts debated ways and means to give further impetus to the Document on this subject, which was adopted by the FSC on 25 November 1993. The seminar offered the opportunity to exchange information and experience on the following topics: export law, control lists, licences, enforcement practices and procedures, possibilities for better international co-operation in preventing undesirable or unauthorized transfers, increased transparency through international efforts, co-ordination in the field of control agencies, and combating illegal conventional arms transfers.
2. The Forum for Security Co-operation notes that not all participating States were represented at this seminar.
3. The Forum for Security Co-operation appreciates that many participating States sent in completed questionnaires, describing their export legislation and their export policy.
4. The Forum for Security Co-operation concludes that, from an overall perspective, exchanging information and experience on the Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers has been most helpful and constructive. Such an exchange contributes positively to the desired transparency and implementation of OSCE principles in this regard. The Forum for Security Co-operation therefore welcomes the continuation of efforts to be undertaken in this field.
5. The Forum for Security Co-operation encourages mutual assistance among participating States, *inter alia*, in the field of drafting legislation and setting up export control systems.
6. The Forum for Security Co-operation notes the recommendations presented by the Chairman of the Seminar to further transparency and co-operation and requests the CPC to distribute the questionnaire to participating States on 1 February each year for completion on 30 June each year as well as to make a compilation of the information provided.
7. The Forum for Security Co-operation requests Working Group A, and in particular its implementation meeting,
 - (a) to examine the information provided in the answers to the questionnaire with a view to the possible further development of the questionnaire;
 - (b) to consider setting up workshops for expert groups on specific subjects to be convened under the auspices of the FSC while taking into account the need to avoid duplication of work. Subjects would include enforcement practices and co-

operation and establishment of the minimum information required in licence applications.

The Forum requests the Chairman of Working Group A to report to the plenary of the FSC on the progress of these proceedings before the OSCE Ministerial Meeting in December 1995 in Budapest.

8. The Forum for Security Co-operation will consider possibilities to enhance transparency in the field of arms transfers.

9. The Forum for Security Co-operation urges national publication of guidelines governing conventional arms transfers.

10. The Forum for Security Co-operation requests participating States to provide the Conflict Prevention Centre with

(a) their national control lists, and

(b) precise data of a designated point of contact within the national enforcement bodies.

The CPC will make available the national control lists on request and compile and distribute a list of contact points. Participating States will provide updates of the submitted lists and data to the CPC as necessary.

11. The Forum for Security Co-operation recalls its decision of 24 February 1993, to support the UN Register on Conventional Arms and decides that participating States will circulate on an annual basis their national contributions to the Register in the framework of the Forum.

12. The Forum for Security Co-operation urges participating States to support the international efforts already under way to develop consistent control lists for conventional arms and related technology and takes note of the wish expressed by some to participate in these international efforts. The Forum requests its Chairman to invite a delegated representative of the new post-COCOM forum for a briefing about decisions taken by that body, when negotiations are completed. The Forum encourages transparency and a consistent treatment of arms exports in multilateral and bilateral consultations and negotiations.