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DECISION No. 6/06
**FURTHER MEASURES TO PREVENT THE CRIMINAL USE OF
LOST/STOLEN PASSPORTS AND OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

The Ministerial Council,

Reaffirming the OSCE participating States' commitment to prevent and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Recalling the participating States' obligations under relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, and the commitments that they have undertaken in this regard,

Recalling in particular that the participating States have committed — through the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism, the Maastricht Ministerial Council decision on travel document security (MC.DEC/7/03) and the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept (MC.DOC/2/05) — to enhance travel document security and border control and security in order to prevent the movement of terrorist individuals or groups, while facilitating the free and secure movement of persons,

Acknowledging the importance of cross-border communication and co-operation in combating global organized crime and terrorism,

Recalling its Decision No. 4/04, stipulating that the OSCE participating States should rapidly report all instances of lost and stolen international travel documents, either individually personalized or blank (unassigned), to Interpol's Automated Search Facility — Stolen/Lost Travel Document Database (ASF-SLTD), in accordance with Interpol's data protection guidelines and agreements between Interpol and the participating States concerned,

Recognizing the important role this decision has played in enhancing the Interpol database,

Noting that terrorists and other criminals continue to cross the borders of participating States using lost and stolen passports,

Noting that the Interpol General Secretariat has developed technical platforms* that, when integrated with participating States' national border systems, can make possible an automatic real-time query access to the database for the first-line/border control users,

Noting the positive results that the active use of the Interpol ASF-SLTD by first-line law enforcement control in some OSCE participating States has brought and recognizing that the ASF-SLTD is a powerful tool in preventing the movement of terrorists and other criminals under false identities, and, in this regard, wishing to further enhance the use of the ASF-SLTD throughout the OSCE region,

1. Calls on participating States that are not yet doing so, to urgently start implementing Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/04;
2. Decides that all OSCE participating States will make every effort to provide national first-line law enforcement end-users with integrated real-time access to the Interpol ASF-SLTD by implementing, where appropriate, the Interpol technical platforms as soon as financially and technically possible;
3. Calls on OSCE participating States to make available to Interpol a 24/7 contact to confirm the status of documents in question and to resolve "hits" to the Interpol database at border checkpoints in a timely and correct manner;
4. Recognizing that some participating States may need expert advice and material assistance in order to implement the Interpol technical platforms, encourages such States to specify their needs and forward them to the Secretariat to be submitted for consideration by potential donors;
5. Tasks the Secretary General to facilitate technical assistance in this field by Interpol and other relevant international organizations to requesting participating States;
6. Tasks the Secretary General to promote understanding of the importance and usefulness of the ASF-SLTD in combating terrorism, organized crime and any other crime, in co-operation with Interpol and other relevant organizations;
7. Encourages the OSCE Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily implement Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/04 and the current decision.

* Integrated Solutions — Fixed Interpol Network Database and Mobile Interpol Network Database — FIND&MIND.