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## **MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING THE OSCE'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS TRANSNATIONAL THREATS**

We, the members of the Ministerial Council of the OSCE, recognizing the evolving nature of transnational threats in the OSCE region and beyond, and the necessity to provide collective and effective international responses, co-ordinated and founded on a cross-dimensional approach, recalling previous relevant MC Decisions, *inter alia*, Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/12 "OSCE efforts to address transnational threats",

Commend the activities of the OSCE participating States in strengthening co-operation on addressing transnational threats in areas such as counter-terrorism, fight against organized crime, trafficking in human beings and in illicit drugs, police-related activities and border security and management, as well as development of confidence-building measures (CBMs) as defined by the Permanent Council Decision No. 1039, which all contributed to enhancing the OSCE's profile in countering transnational threats;

Welcome Permanent Council Decision No. 1106 of 2013 on the "Initial set of OSCE confidence-building measures to reduce the risks of conflict stemming from the use of information and communication technologies" which aims to enhance inter-State co-operation, transparency, predictability, and stability, and to reduce the risks of misperception, escalation, and conflict that may stem from the use of ICTs in accordance with Permanent Council Decision No. 1039 "Development of Confidence-Building Measures to Reduce the Risks of Conflict Stemming from the Use of Information and Communication Technologies";

Underscore the significance of the progress achieved in establishing confidence-building measures in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs, which complements the UN efforts in this thematic area and emphasize the importance of implementing this initial set of OSCE confidence-building measures by the OSCE participating States on a voluntary basis and of further developing them, as appropriate;

Welcome also the efforts of the OSCE participating States under the guidance of the OSCE Ukrainian Chairmanship-in-Office and supported by the relevant OSCE executive structures in achieving progress in implementing the OSCE Concept for Combating the Threat of Illicit Drugs and the Diversion of Chemical Precursors, the OSCE Strategic

Framework for Police-Related Activities, the OSCE Consolidated Framework for the Fight against Terrorism, as well as the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept;

Note that the aforementioned documents establish a solid basis for the OSCE's work in the field of countering transnational threats and underline the importance of their full and continued operationalization and integration in OSCE activities;

Encourage the OSCE participating States and relevant executive structures within their mandates and established procedures to intensify efforts to achieve greater unity of purpose and action in addressing existing and emerging transnational threats and to continue dialogue in this field, including at focused and result-oriented OSCE-wide thematic conferences to be held as appropriate and preferably annually;

Invite the OSCE participating States, where needed with the support of the relevant OSCE executive structures, to further develop co-operation with the UN and other relevant international and regional organizations on the basis of 1999 Platform for Co-operative Security, as well as with the OSCE Mediterranean and Asian Partners for co-operation, with a view to further strengthen the OSCE capacity in countering transnational threats, including with the engagement of civil society.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER  
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND  
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“In connection with the declaration adopted on strengthening the OSCE’s efforts to address transnational threats, the Russian Federation wishes to state the following:

In joining the consensus on this declaration, the Russian Federation would like to stress the importance of the practical implementation of the conceptual OSCE documents that are mentioned in the declaration and are concerned with countering transnational threats: in particular, combating illicit drugs and terrorism. Holding annual OSCE conferences on counter-terrorism and combating the threat posed by narcotic drugs, financed by the Organization’s Unified Budget, is a necessary tool for the implementation of these decisions.

I request that the text of this statement be attached to the adopted declaration, and that it be included in the journal of today’s meeting.”