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DECISION No. 1/09
FURTHERING THE CORFU PROCESS

The Ministerial Council,

Commending the initiative of the Greek Chairmanship for launching a wide-ranging and open Vienna-based dialogue on the key issues of wider European security, initiated on the basis of the outcome of our informal Ministerial meeting in Corfu,

Encouraged by the positive spirit of this dialogue and taking into account the many proposals put forward by the delegations in the course of this dialogue,

Recognizing the need to continue the Corfu process and deepen the dialogue in order to promote understanding and enhance confidence; also, to take forward proposals aimed at strengthening the OSCE's capabilities for addressing security threats and at delivering concrete results, in the context of ensuring a comprehensive and balanced approach to security,

To this end, decides:

1. To task the OSCE Chairmanship in 2010, in close consultation with the successive FSC Chairmanships, to continue the informal, regular and open dialogue, in the framework of the Corfu Process, through regular informal meetings, at the level of permanent representatives, reinforced by capitals, as appropriate, in order to extend the areas of agreement and contribute to consensus building.

Taking into account the initial assessment of the main threats and challenges to our security and co-operation, identified in the Corfu Process so far, the future dialogue will and focus on issues pertaining to:

- Implementation of all OSCE norms, principles and commitments;
- Role of the OSCE in early warning, conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation;
- Role of the arms control and confidence- and security-building regimes in building trust, in the evolving security environment;

- Transnational and multidimensional threats and challenges;
- Economic and environmental challenges;
- Human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as democracy and the rule of law;
- Enhancing the OSCE's effectiveness;
- Interaction with other organizations and institutions, on the basis of the 1999 Platform for Co-operative Security.

In the framework of the Corfu Process, participating States may raise any issue they consider pertinent.

2. Based on the results of the informal meetings of the permanent representatives, the OSCE Chairmanship, in close consultation with the FSC Chairmanship, will submit, by the end of June 2010, an interim report summarizing proposals put forward by the participating States within the Corfu Process, to a joint reinforced meeting of the Permanent Council and the Forum for Security Co-operation, for further consideration and possible decisions.

3. That the PC and the FSC, within their mandates and, as necessary, jointly, will examine the interim report and consider actions, on the proposals therein, as appropriate.

4. Upon request, the OSCE executive structures will provide, within their mandates, assistance and expert input, as appropriate. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly may also contribute to the Corfu Process.

The Chairmanship, after close consultation with participating States, will invite the OSCE Partners for Co-operation, international, regional and subregional organizations and institutions, as well as representatives of the academic and NGO communities to contribute to the discussions, on an ad hoc basis.

5. The engagement of the Permanent Council and the Forum for Security Co-operation in the Corfu Process will not detract from their mandates, regular agendas and activities.