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**DECISION No. 15/10
VIENNA DOCUMENT PLUS
ELIGIBILITY OF AIR BASES FOR HOSTING VISITS**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming that the OSCE Vienna Document 1999 remains a key instrument for confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) and noting the determination of the participating States to update, as necessary, and revise the Vienna Document 1999 with particular attention to strengthening current CSBM instruments,

Seeking to update the Vienna Document 1999 in accordance with the principles delineated in Decision No. 1/10 on establishing a procedure for incorporating relevant FSC decisions into the Vienna Document, FSC.DEC/1/10 of 19 May 2010,

Taking into account Decision No. 7/10 on negotiations on the Vienna Document 1999, FSC.DEC/7/10 of 29 September 2010, emphasizing the importance of a mechanism for regular updates of the Vienna Document,

Decides to amend paragraph (19) of Chapter IV, Visits to Air Bases, to read as follows:

(19) Each participating State with air combat units reported under paragraph (10) will arrange visits for representatives of all other participating States to one of its normal peacetime air bases on which such units are located in order to provide the visitors with the opportunity to view activity at the air base, including preparations to carry out the functions of the air base, and to gain an impression of the approximate number of air sorties and type of missions being flown. Participating States with only one air combat unit reported under paragraph (10) located at only one normal peacetime air base operating combat aircraft, having already organized a visit to that base during the previous five-year period, desiring to enhance transparency, may choose to organize the next visit to another military air base operating multipurpose attack or specialized attack helicopters that has not been reported under paragraph (10). In case the only air base operating combat aircraft and reported under paragraph (10) has been substantially upgraded or a new type of a combat aircraft has been introduced into service since the last visit, then a visit to that air base shall be given preference during the next five-year period again. Participating States with no air combat units reported under paragraph (10) are not required to organize a visit to an air base operating multipurpose attack or specialized attack helicopters.