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**DECISION No. 810
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION
AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decisions Nos. 3/05 (Ljubljana) on combating transnational organized crime, and 5/06 (Brussels) on organized crime, and focusing on the aspect of international legal co-operation,

Wishing to give impetus to the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Convention),

Taking note of the report of the OSCE Secretary General and the Director of the ODIHR on the implementation of certain tasks under Ministerial Council Decision No. 5/06, presented to the Permanent Council on 19 July 2007,

Taking note of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime taken at its third session, held in Vienna from 9 to 18 October 2006, in particular decisions 3/1 (k) and 3/2 (k and t),

Taking note of the meeting of the steering committee on the implementation of decision 3/2 of the Conference of the Parties, which took place on 7 and 8 June 2007,

Building on the existing co-operation between the UNODC and the OSCE executive structures and welcoming further co-operation and co-ordination with the aim of achieving mutual objectives and avoiding unnecessary duplication,

Urging those participating States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

1. Calls upon the participating States:
 - (a) To support information-sharing regarding the implementation of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, *inter alia*, through the appointment of focal points, and to facilitate communication with the UNODC regarding compliance with article 32, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Convention;

- (b) To develop effective central authorities to receive, execute and transmit requests for mutual legal assistance, as foreseen by article 18 of the Convention;
 - (c) To participate actively in the UNODC technical working groups on mutual legal assistance and technical assistance and to co-operate and collaborate, when appropriate and feasible, in the follow-up to technical assistance initiatives;
 - (d) If they have not yet done so, to respond to the UN questionnaires for the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on the application of that Convention;
2. Tasks the Secretary General, within existing resources:
- (a) With continuing to ensure the implementation by the Secretariat of the relevant parts of Ministerial Council Decisions Nos. 3/05 and 5/06, in particular through efforts to support the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, in co-operation and co-ordination with the UNODC;
 - (b) With organizing a workshop, at the request of and in co-operation and co-ordination with the secretariat of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,, as mentioned in decision 3/2 (t) of the Conference;
3. Invites the OSCE Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily implement the relevant provisions of this decision.