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**DECISION No. 19/11
POINTS OF CONTACT ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming the commitments of participating States to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 7/05 on supporting the effective implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), calling upon all participating States to implement fully UN Security Council resolution 1540,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 10/06 on supporting national implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), encouraging participating States to hold further exchanges of views, including with OSCE Partners for Co-operation, on the implementation of UNSCR 1540, with the goal, *inter alia*, of furthering UN efforts by promoting lessons learnt, sharing experiences and facilitating the identification of assistance needs for national implementation,

Recalling Athens Ministerial Council Decision No. 16/09 calling on the FSC to facilitate the fulfilment by the OSCE participating States of the provisions of UNSCR 1540, UNSCR 1673, UNSCR 1810 and UNSCR 1887, as well as the Athens Ministerial Declaration on Non-Proliferation (2009), which reiterates commitment to promote full and effective implementation of the UNSCR 1540 and pledges OSCE's continued support to regional efforts to facilitate its implementation, including through providing effective assistance to those States that require it,

Reaffirming participating States' commitment to non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction underlined in the 2010 Astana Commemorative Declaration: Towards a Security Community,

Duly noting UNSCR 1977 (2011), which established a new ten-year mandate for the United Nations 1540 Committee and encouraged the 1540 Committee to actively partner with international, regional and subregional organizations to promote universal implementation of resolution 1540,

Recognizing that the primary responsibility for implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) rests with participating States,

Acknowledging the leading role of the United Nations in tackling the threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the role of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), the participating States reaffirming their obligations under the UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) to promote dialogue and co-operation on non-proliferation issues,

1. Decides to establish a directory of national and OSCE Points of Contact (the PoC directory) on UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).
2. The purpose of the PoC directory, as a complementary and voluntary tool to enhance co-operation and co-ordination among participating States, will be:
 - To facilitate information-sharing, promoting best practices as well as strengthening relevant international information exchange networks (where appropriate), between participating States on issues related to national implementation of UNSCR 1540;
 - To enhance capacity-building and to synchronize any activities in order to prevent the duplication of respective efforts, also by third parties.
3. The PoC directory on UN Security Council resolution 1540 will comprise of:
 - PoCs in the participating States;
 - PoCs in the FSC Support Section of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre in Vienna.
4. National Points of Contact:
 - The OSCE participating States are encouraged to provide the OSCE Secretariat with updated PoC information (names, full contact details and addresses);
 - The responsibilities of the PoCs will be defined by each participating State in accordance with their national procedures and practice.
5. Responsibilities of the Conflict Prevention Centre:
 - To maintain the PoC directory on UNSCR 1540 and electronically distribute up-to-date information on PoCs to the 1540 Committee;
 - To process incoming information and requests for assistance from the participating States on national implementation of UNSCR 1540, submitted to the Conflict Prevention Centre, which with the consent of the participating State, will be, as appropriate, communicated to the 1540 Committee;
 - To encourage participating States to facilitate interaction between PoCs and the 1540 Committee in providing this Committee with a Point of Contact for assistance, in accordance with Article 14 of resolution 1977 (2011);

- To keep PoCs informed about relevant UNSCR 1540 activities and developments in the OSCE region.
6. Designates, in accordance with UNSCR 1977 (2011) operative paragraph 18, the Conflict Prevention Centre as a Point of Contact for implementation of resolution 1540 and tasks the Secretary General of the OSCE to inform the 1540 Committee of the designated Point of Contact.