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**DECISION No. 7/19
CONFLICT PREVENTION CENTRE'S SUPPORT FOR THE ANNUAL
EXCHANGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Chapter I of the Vienna Document 2011 on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures, which commits the OSCE participating States to exchange annually information on their military forces in an agreed format,

Recognizing that the Automated Data Systems (ADS) application is used by participating States to generate their national submissions under the annual exchange of military information, as well as similar exchanges under the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, the Global Exchange of Military Information, and the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control (Annex 1-B, Article IV, of the Dayton Agreement),

Reaffirming the OSCE participating States' commitment to full and timely implementation of all confidence- and security-building measures agreed by them,

Taking into account the need to ensure ongoing support for, and continuous improvement of, existing procedures in order to help participating States fulfil their commitments,

1. Requests the Secretary General to propose in the annual submission of the Conflict Prevention Centre's (CPC) Unified Budget Proposal to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance (ACMF) adequate resources to perform technical, workshop and training support identified in this decision;
2. Upon approval of the annual Unified Budget, including adequate resources for the efforts outlined by this decision, tasks both the Chairperson of the Communications Group and the CPC to provide technical, workshop, and training support for the ADS software (or its replacement application) according to the annexed technical requirements identified by the Communications Group.

**INITIAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF
THE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REGARDING
THE ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION**

1. Maintain Communications Group approval of software updates and enhancements pertaining to the annual exchange of military information.
2. Ensure the usability of the software to edit, generate, view and print participating States' annual exchange of military information.
3. Ensure the workshops associated with the annual exchanges are continued to support participating States in maintaining quality submissions.
4. Ensure technical support is readily available to all participating States.
5. Ensure routine training of users.
6. Ensure interoperability with the Integrated Notification Application; however, maintain the software as an independent, stand-alone application should it be restricted from installation within certain environments (due to security factors).
7. Maintain standardized input (that is, agreed upon DAT file structures) and output (DAT, PDF or printed form).
8. Maintain a common user interface between all applications supplied to participating States.