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**DECISION No. 9/01
EXTENSION OF THE DURATION OF THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE FSC**

The participating States of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE),

Recalling their decision to establish the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) to strengthen security and stability within the OSCE community of States, as laid down in Chapter V of the Helsinki Summit Declaration of 10 July 1992,

Reaffirming their commitments undertaken in the Charter for European Security, Istanbul 1999, and, in particular, their determination to better contribute to the OSCE's politico-military dimension,

Recalling Decision No. 2/95 (FSC.DEC/2/95),

Having reviewed and assessed the working methods of the FSC in general and of its Troika in particular, and

In accordance with the Bucharest Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 (MC(9).DEC/3), to enhance the efficiency of the FSC,

Have decided the following:

1. The duration of the rotating chairmanship of the FSC will be extended as follows:
 - (a) Each chairmanship of the FSC will begin at the end of the recess following each of the three OSCE sessions (winter, spring, summer);
 - (b) This new period of chairmanship will come into effect on 1 February 2002 and will continue in the existing alphabetical order of succession.
2. Should a participating State waive its turn to chair the FSC, it will have the option of participating in the Troika as an additional member during the session in which it was due to exercise the chairmanship.