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**DECISION No. 2/16
ENABLING THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO OSCE PARTNERS
FOR CO-OPERATION USING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE
OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS
AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recognizing the risks and challenges to the OSCE area caused by excess accumulation of small arms and light weapons (SALW), stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA), explosive material and detonating devices in surplus and/or awaiting destruction,

Recognizing the benefit of providing participating States, on a voluntary basis, with international assistance (technical, human resources and/or financial) to address those risks,

Recalling Annex VI of the OSCE Document on SALW, Decision No. 11/09 on the update of FSC Decision No. 15/02 on expert advice in implementation of Section V, “Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation”,

Recalling the Astana Commemorative Declaration (2010) in which the participating States recognized “that the security of the OSCE area is inextricably linked to that of adjacent areas, notably in the Mediterranean and in Asia” and noted the need to enhance the level of interaction with the Partners for Co-operation,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/14 which tasked the FSC to explore ways to enhance outreach to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation on issues related to SALW and SCA,

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration on Co-operation with the Mediterranean Partners (MC.DOC/9/14) in which the participating States welcomed the wide range of concrete and results-oriented co-operation initiated between the OSCE Secretariat and the Mediterranean Partners, across all three dimensions of security and called for their continuation and potential expansion and diversification,

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration on Co-operation with the Asian Partners (MC.DOC/10/14) in which the participating States renewed their commitment to deepen and expand the dialogue and co-operation with the Asian Partners,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 812 on establishment of a Partnership Fund and its decision-making process,

Noting the interest of practical assistance from OSCE Partners for Co-operation in the area of SALW and SCA,

Decides to:

1. Enable the provision of assistance by the OSCE participating States and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), on a voluntary basis, to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation using the procedures outlined in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), in accordance with the Annexes thereto;
2. Adopt an FSC decision prior to implementing any SALW and SCA activities outside the OSCE region with an OSCE Partner for Co-operation, noting that a request for assistance has been submitted;
3. Invite the OSCE Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily comply with the norms and standards contained in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011);
4. Invite the OSCE participating States to consider, on a voluntary basis, and in co-operation with other international organizations and institutions, providing technical, financial and consultative assistance for projects on SALW and SCA in response to requests from OSCE Partners for Co-operation;
5. Annex this decision to the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011) and publish it with them.