MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF ACTS OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM

1. We, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the OSCE participating States, welcome the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

2. We pledge to apply all efforts to sign this International Convention on the day of its opening for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 14 September 2005.

3. We encourage the implementation of all the necessary measures to ratify, accept, approve or otherwise become parties to this International Convention in the shortest possible time.

4. We urge the OSCE Secretary General and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to offer to the requesting participating States, on their formal demand and where appropriate, technical assistance/advice on the swift ratification, acceptance or approval of this International Convention, in close co-operation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

5. We invite the OSCE Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation to join our initiative.