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DECLARATION ON THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS

The Permanent Council,

Appalled by the horrific terrorist attack on French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo on 7 January 2015, and followed by the shooting of a local police officer in Montrouge on 8 January 2015, as well as the anti-Semitic terrorist attack against the Jewish community in Paris on 9 January 2015, which cost the lives of many people and wounded many others,

Expressing its profound solidarity with victims of acts of terrorism, their families, as well as with the people of France,

Taking note of relevant statements by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, the Secretary General, the Representative on Freedom of the Media and the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly,

Being guided by relevant OSCE commitments, particularly those relating to the fight against terrorism, to freedom of expression and to tolerance and non-discrimination:

Strongly condemns the above-mentioned terrorist attacks and stresses the need to prosecute the perpetrators;

Declares its resolute and unconditional condemnation of terrorist acts, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed and reaffirms its determination to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

Emphasizes that terrorism has no justification, whatever its motivation or origin are and should not be associated with any race, ethnicity, nationality or religion;

Condemns these terrorist attacks against journalists and free media, and recalls that freedom of expression is a fundamental and internationally recognized human right;

Strongly condemns manifestations of intolerance, including against Christians, Jews, Muslims and members of other religions and non-believers, and reaffirms its will to foster non-discrimination and tolerance, mutual respect and understanding in our societies.