The Permanent Council,

Decides to step up individual and collective efforts to address security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in a comprehensive and cross-dimensional manner in accordance with OSCE commitments and in co-operation with relevant international organizations;

Tasks the OSCE Chairmanship to establish an open-ended, informal OSCE working group under the auspices of the Security Committee, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, in particular paragraphs II(A)8–10 and paragraphs V(B)1–5. The cross-dimensional informal working group shall be led by a Chairperson appointed annually by the OSCE Chairmanship and will perform the following tasks:

– To elaborate a set of draft confidence-building measures (CBMs) to enhance interstate co-operation, transparency, predictability, and stability, and to reduce the risks of misperception, escalation, and conflict that may stem from the use of ICTs;

– To help build consensus for the adoption of such a set of CBMs in 2012;

– To provide progress reports, in consultation with members of the working group, to the Chairperson of the Security Committee, who will report to the Permanent Council. A first progress report shall be given to the Chairperson of the Security Committee by 15 June 2012 and preliminary proposals on possible CBMs by 31 July 2012;

Tasks the Secretariat to support the work of the aforementioned informal working group within available resources.