DECISION No. 6/10

OSCE WORKSHOP TO IDENTIFY THE PROPER ROLE OF THE OSCE IN FACILITATION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling FSC Decision No. 7/05 on supporting the effective implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution (UNSCR) 1540 (2004), which called upon all participating States to implement fully UNSCR 1540, and to be prepared to examine appropriate measures to support participating States in the implementation of this resolution,

Recalling also the endorsement by the Thirteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council at Ljubljana of FSC steps to contribute to the implementation of this resolution,

Reinforcing the need for participating States to take co-operative action to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery,

Acknowledging responsibility to support UNSCR 1810 (2008) with particular emphasis on promoting regional implementation of UNSCR 1540 through development of an appropriate contribution consistent with the Comprehensive Review of UNSCR 1540 and the letter to the President of the UN Security Council dated 8 July 2008 from the Chairman of the 1540 Committee,

Recognizing that the OSCE, in close co-ordination with the 1540 Committee and following its recommendations, can set an example for the international community through early action to identify best practices and otherwise call for improved national implementation of the resolution, and seeking to share experiences with the larger community of experts,

Underscoring the Athens Ministerial Declaration on Non-Proliferation made at the Seventeenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and our firm commitment to the UNSCR 1887 (2009) to take further steps with the view to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery,
Exploring recommendations contained in the Report from the 1540 Committee established by Security Council resolution 1540, and on this basis to be prepared to examine appropriate measures to support participating States in the implementation of this resolution,

Responding to the letter dated 29 December 2009, from the 1540 Committee chairman to the FSC identifying areas of co-operation,

Decides:

- To organize a workshop open to all OSCE bodies, consistent with Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/09 on further OSCE efforts to address transnational threats and challenges to security and stability, reinforced by experts from capitals, on the commitments, implementation and facilitation of UNSCR 1540 in Vienna on 14 and 15 October 2010;

- The main purpose of this workshop is to identify the proper role of the OSCE in facilitation of UNSCR 1540, including to address the risks and threats of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;

- To share, as appropriate, information and provide an exchange of views on participating States’ efforts in support of UNSCR 1540;

- A detailed agenda and programme of work is to be elaborated at a separate stage.