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**DECISION No. 7/09
BEST PRACTICE GUIDE ON UNITED NATIONS SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION (UNSCR) 1540 EXPORT CONTROLS
AND TRANSSHIPMENT**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling FSC Decision No. 10/06, Supporting National Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004), in line with the recommendations of the April 2006 and July 2008 reports of the UN Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) (1540 Committee), that supports the development of a set of best practice guides reflecting the structure of the resolution,

Noting the guides would constitute a compendium of suggested implementation practices (as outlined in Food for Thought paper FSC.DEL/246/07 (2007)) and could assist in the continuing development of national action plans – by participating States as well as others who would have access to the guides – and foster better co-ordination of regional assistance activities,

Acknowledging that such a set of best practice guides could also be useful to OSCE Partners for Co-operation and other United Nations Member States who indicate that some States seek further information on what constitute “appropriate controls” in the areas of border security, export control and physical protection of biological, chemical, nuclear and related technologies. In addition, a number of States note that they would be able to better address the resolution’s obligations in a timely and effective manner, if they had more institutional capacity and expertise to draw upon,

Recognizing the work done by participating States to complete this task,

Decides to:

- Welcome the development of the best practice guide on Export Controls and Transshipment (FSC.DEL/65/09/Rev.3) and endorse it for publication.