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**DECISION No. 4/15
OSCE'S ROLE IN SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming the commitments of OSCE participating States to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in order to promote peace, security and stability,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 7/05 on supporting the effective implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and calling upon all participating States to implement fully United Nations Security Council resolution 1540,

Recalling also FSC Decision No. 10/06 on supporting national implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and encouraging participating States to hold further exchanges of views, including with OSCE Partners for Co-operation, on the implementation of resolution 1540, with the goal, *inter alia*, of furthering United Nations efforts by promoting lessons learned, sharing experiences and facilitating the identification of assistance needs for national implementation,

Recalling further the Athens Ministerial Declaration on Non-Proliferation (2009), which reiterates the commitment of OSCE participating States to promoting full and effective implementation of resolution 1540, and pledges the OSCE's continued support to regional efforts to facilitate its implementation,

Mindful of the 2010 Astana Commemorative Declaration: Towards a Security Community, which, *inter alia*, underlines OSCE participating States' commitment to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction,

Duly noting United Nations Security Council resolution 1977 (2011), which established a new ten-year mandate for the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (1540 Committee) and encouraged it to engage actively with participating States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to promote universal implementation of resolution 1540,

Recalling OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 7/11 on issues relevant to the Forum for Security Co-operation, which tasked the FSC, *inter alia*, to support the ongoing

activities in assisting in the implementation of resolution 1540 by, *inter alia*, maintaining the information sharing on national progress and lessons learned in that regard,

Recalling OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 8/11 on the proper role of the OSCE in facilitation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540, which tasked the relevant decision-making bodies within their mandates to continue to identify, and strengthen, when and as appropriate, specific forms of the OSCE's contribution to assist participating States, upon their requests, in the further implementation of resolution 1540, in close co-ordination with the 1540 Committee to complement its efforts,

Reaffirming the important facilitating role of the directory of national and OSCE Points of Contact (the PoC directory) established under FSC Decision No. 19/11 on Points of Contact on United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and taking note of the first meeting of national PoC network on 10 April 2014,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 7/13 on the update of the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation, which states that each participating State will promote the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and its successor resolutions 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011), as well as United Nations Security Council resolution 1887 (2009),

Recognizing the significance of the involvement, where appropriate, of industry and the private sector as well as relevant academia and think tanks in efforts undertaken by participating States in order to implement resolution 1540,

Recalling the 10th anniversary of resolution 1540 and welcoming meaningful progress achieved in its implementation in the OSCE area at the national and regional levels, including, *inter alia*, through country specific dialogue and the development of voluntary national implementation action plans facilitated by the OSCE and the 1540 Committee,

Taking into account the Commonwealth of Independent States Workshop on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), held from 15 to 17 January 2013 in Minsk, Belarus, the Regional Workshop on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), held on 9 and 10 May 2013 in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, and the Workshop on Assessment of Implementation and the Role of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in Achieving the Aims of Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, held on 5 and 6 November 2013, in Kyiv, Ukraine,

Decides to:

1. Support the leading role and global efforts undertaken by the 1540 Committee;
2. Strengthen the OSCE's support in facilitating the implementation of resolution 1540 and related resolutions by participating States, including through tasking the Conflict Prevention Centre to provide under appropriate FSC guidance continuous and effective assistance to participating States, upon their request, including in preparing national implementation measures, in close co-ordination with the 1540 Committee to complement its efforts;

3. Further promote experience sharing on national progress and lessons learned and develop effective practices on the implementation of resolution 1540 at the regional level, including, *inter alia*, through partnership with industry, relevant academia and think tanks as appropriate;
4. Task the Conflict Prevention Centre to maintain and develop, as appropriate, the OSCE network of Points of Contact on resolution 1540 as an integral part of the 1540 Committee network;
5. Task the Conflict Prevention Centre to enhance, where appropriate, co-operation and information sharing with the 1540 Committee and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs on all issues of relevance to the implementation of resolution 1540 and to continue acting as an OSCE Point of Contact on resolution 1540;
6. Encourage the participating States to take an active part in the process of comprehensive review of resolution 1540, to be completed in 2016;
7. Regularly review the implementation of this decision.