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DECISION No. 3/04
COMBATING THE USE OF THE INTERNET FOR
TERRORIST PURPOSES

The Ministerial Council,

Recognizing United Nations Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1566 (2004) as milestones of the international legal framework for the fight against terrorism,

Determined to further intensify efforts in the implementation of existing OSCE commitments on combating terrorism, as reflected in the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism, Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 1 on implementing the OSCE commitments and activities on combating terrorism, the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism and the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century,

Recalling the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (November 2001), and other relevant works developed in this forum, as well as the results of the Council of Europe Conference on the Challenge of Cybercrime,

Recalling the OSCE Meeting on the Relationship Between Racist, Xenophobic and Anti-Semitic Propaganda on the Internet and Hate Crimes (Paris, 15 and 16 June 2004),

Concerned by the extent of use of the Internet by terrorist organizations:

- To identify and to recruit potential members,
- To collect and transfer funds,
- To organize terrorist acts,
- To incite terrorist acts in particular through the use of propaganda,

Decides that participating States will exchange information on the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes and identify possible strategies to combat this threat, while ensuring respect for international human rights obligations and standards, including those concerning the rights to privacy and freedom of opinion and expression;

Tasks the Secretary General to organize in 2005, in co-operation with Interpol and other interested international organizations, an expert workshop to exchange information on the extent of this threat, as well as on the existing legal framework and institutional tools, and to consider concrete measures to enhance international co-operation on this issue.