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DECISION No. 8/05
FURTHER EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE
OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS
AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION

The Ministerial Council,

Willing to further build upon the OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century adopted by the Eleventh Meeting of the Ministerial Council, the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, and other relevant decisions adopted in the framework of the OSCE,

Determined to contribute to the reduction, and prevention of, the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW, including the risk of their diversion into illicit markets, the hands of terrorists and other criminal groups,

Recognizing the security and safety risks posed by the presence of stockpiles of conventional ammunition, explosive material and detonating devices, including liquid rocket fuel (*mélange*), in surplus and/or awaiting destruction in some States in the OSCE area, and reaffirming the will of the OSCE to consider providing assistance regarding the destruction of these stockpiles and/or upgrading of stockpile management and security practices for States that request it,

Welcomes the progress achieved so far in the framework of the OSCE to implement the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, including the development of projects with the aim of containing and reducing the dangers emanating from surplus stockpiles of SALW, as well as stockpiles of conventional ammunition, explosive material and detonating devices, including liquid rocket fuel (*mélange*);

Takes note with appreciation of the ongoing work in the Forum for Security Co-operation to develop Best Practice Guides related to Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, as well as best practice guidance on national procedures for stockpile management and security of man-portable air defence systems (MANPADS);

Takes note of the progress report on the further implementation of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, as submitted to the Thirteenth Ministerial Council pursuant to Ministerial Council Decision No. 5/04;

Also takes note of the continuing work by the FSC to review implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, including the development of a progress report on implementation;

Encourages FSC deliberations prior to the First Review Conference of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be held in 2006, and OSCE efforts at furthering its regional implementation;

Calls upon the Forum for Security Co-operation to continue its efforts to address these issues in a comprehensive way, reflecting the OSCE's concept of co-operative security and working in concert with other international fora;

Tasks the FSC to submit, through its Chairperson, a progress report on the continuing implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition to the Fourteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2006.