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**FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS
AND SECURITY**

***“RULE OF LAW: COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL
CRIME AND CORRUPTION”***

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1. Noting that security is indivisible and that, for the States and citizens of the OSCE area, it resides primarily in ever more co-ordinated political action with respect to organized crime and illegal activity in areas of conflict and terrorism;
2. Noting that the spread of crime is a real threat to the rule of law and the individual rights of citizens, because it tends to corrupt society, politics, finance and the economy;
3. Noting the need to increase the transnational efforts already undertaken to fight organized crime through greater harmonization among the laws of OSCE participating States, the diversity of which creates “areas of variable legality” that can be easily exploited by international organized crime;
4. Recognizing the importance of implementing the commitments provided for in the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Convention) and its Protocols and the United Nations Convention against Corruption;
5. Noting that the fight against international terrorism is a moral and political necessity inseparable from measures to combat crime, which is often functionally and strategically linked to terrorism in all its forms;
6. Concerned by the situation in Transdnistria, which, in the absence of international recognition and a transnational presence, not only violates the territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova, but threatens to create conditions that foster the rise and growth of organized crime;
7. Considering that the theft and illegal trafficking of works of art and objects of antiquity, especially in the Mediterranean region, not only constitute deplorable criminal activities, but represent a genuine affront to the traditions and cultures of that region, one that calls for broad civic co-operation between governments and police forces in order to ensure the rapid restoration of the stolen works to the countries to which they belong;

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8. Calls on the OSCE participating States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols and the United Nations Convention against Corruption without further delay, and to give full effect to the obligations provided for in those instruments;
9. Calls on the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption to regularly exchange information on their programmes, plans and actions, including legislative and administrative activities;
10. Calls on participating States to take part, at the highest possible level, in the Fifth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against

Transnational Organized Crime, to be held in Vienna from 18 to 22 October 2010, and hopes that a verification mechanism for the implementation of the Palermo Convention can be finalized on that occasion;

11. Requests its member parliaments to undertake a wide-ranging analysis of the levels of corruption in their own public administrations by establishing national anti-corruption authorities and specific parliamentary committees;
12. Calls on participating States to establish ever more effective forms of regional co-operation aimed at strengthening legislative and police activities to counter organized crime;
13. Expresses deep concern over the new and growing phenomenon of international piracy, which threatens global trade by sea and which, despite the zeal and the successes of the Atalanta mission, calls for tangible support to be provided to Somalia and sub-Saharan Africa;
14. Calls on OSCE participating States to support the initiatives established by the OSCE field missions to counter corruption, organized crime and trafficking in human beings and to provide financial and human resources for that purpose within the framework of a specific mandate;
15. Undertakes to solemnly observe, at its fall meeting in Palermo, the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Organized Crime, while at the same time honouring the outstanding men and women – politicians, journalists, police officers, magistrates, citizens – who, in Sicily, as in any other OSCE area, lost their lives while defending law and democracy from mafias of all kinds.

