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FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY

Strengthening the OSCE's Effectiveness and Efficiency – A New Start After the Astana Summit

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1. Recalling past OSCE PA resolutions on the reform of the OSCE, strengthening of the co-operation between the OSCE and the OSCE PA and the future orientation of the OSCE, as well as the 2005 OSCE PA Colloquium Report,
2. Welcoming the adoption of the Astana Commemorative Declaration, in particular the decision by Heads of State and Government to recommit themselves to the vision of a free, democratic, common and indivisible Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community stretching from Vancouver to Vladivostok, and to reaffirm the relevance of, and our commitment to, the principles on which the OSCE is based,
3. Regretting that the Astana Summit failed to adopt an Action Plan including guidelines for furthering implementation, which would provide the OSCE with clearer guidelines for its future activities,
4. Expressing deep concern over the lack of consensus on a number of political issues within the OSCE which have led to the closure of the OSCE Mission to Georgia and the OSCE Office in Minsk,
5. Deeply disturbed by the lack of progress in solving the protracted conflicts within the OSCE area,
6. Realizing that changes to the security environment in recent years along with the uneven pace of integration, economic growth and democratic development as well as the issue of food security have led to the emergence of new problems in achieving comprehensive security, which the OSCE should address,

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7. Calls on the OSCE to continue its informal discussions started in the so-called *Corfu Process* under the direct leadership of the Chairmanship with appropriate contribution by the Parliamentary Assembly in order to define the future strategy of the OSCE within its comprehensive security concept, also bearing in mind the consequences of the global economic crisis and the most recent crisis in some countries of the Mediterranean;
8. Urges the OSCE Chairmanship to develop a concrete plan of action to be reviewed at the next Ministerial Council meeting in Vilnius with substantial proposals for future action;
9. Encourages the OSCE to increase upon request the sharing of its values and experience beyond the OSCE area, particularly to Partner States and neighboring areas while at the same time reinforcing the strategic cooperation with the EU, UN, Council of Europe and other relevant international organizations;
10. Welcomes the current work to enhance the politico-military security dimension of the OSCE by updating the Vienna Document, and calls for further elaboration on the Code of

Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security as well as for increased efforts to start negotiations on the strengthening and modernizing conventional arms control in Europe;

11. Deplores the recent increase in tension around Nagorno Karabakh, and urges that increased political efforts be made within the OSCE to settle the unresolved conflicts in Nagorno Karabakh, as well as in Moldova and Georgia;
12. Calls for the Permanent Council of the OSCE to provide the Conflict Prevention Center with improved capacity for the Organization's rapid reaction capability to be able to live up to its mandate in situations like the 2010 crisis in Kyrgyzstan;
13. Regrets the lack of consensus which led to the closure of the OSCE Mission to Georgia and the OSCE Office in Belarus, and encourages the Chairmanship to continue to work for a viable solution to restore their presence in order for the OSCE to remain relevant in the field where it is most needed;
14. Recognizes food self-sufficiency and security as one new and major challenge in several OSCE participating States, and therefore calls on the OSCE to make this issue a priority on its agenda with the goal of reducing political instability, radicalization of conflict and unacceptable inequalities;
15. Requests Parliaments of OSCE participating States to commit themselves to curb increases in the price of agricultural commodities by adopting fiscal measures and providing funding to improve the living standards in rural areas, and by adopting legislation to encourage a more balanced use of land to meet both food and energy demands;
16. Invites the participating States to seriously consider new challenges emanating from transnational threats, environmental degradation, food scarcity and other political problems in adjacent areas which would require joint action;
17. Urges the OSCE to undertake the necessary structural reform in order to help overcome stalemates on political issues as well as issues related to personnel and administration. In this respect:
 - i. Repeats its call for strengthening and politicizing the role of the OSCE Secretary General in order to have a spokesperson who, in co-operation with the Chairman-in-Office, can make policy pronouncements and appropriate statements when OSCE commitments are not observed which would at the same time increase the influence and the public profile of the Organization;
 - ii. Reiterates its recommendation to modify the consensus rule for decision-making, at least for decisions related to personnel, budget and administration issues;
 - iii. Underlines again the importance of having the budget adopted in a timely fashion every year, and calls on the OSCE to develop a multi-year financial plan to pursue longer term strategies;

- iv. Encourages the Secretary General to employ independent professional outside auditors and to make Audit Reports and recommendations available to the OSCE PA;
- v. Repeats its call for the OSCE to improve its staffing mechanisms by eliminating fixed term limits on duration of service and reducing reliance on seconded personnel in the field operations;
- vi. Reiterates its call to reform the OSCE to ensure better transparency and accountability by opening Permanent Council Meetings to the press and public, and by requiring that a country which blocks consensus do so openly and be prepared to defend their position;
- vii. Repeats its call for the OSCE Permanent Council to put OSCE PA recommendations – including those from the 2005 Colloquium Report - on its agenda for debate in order to ensure better co-operation with the Assembly.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

On

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