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The OSCE: Region of Change

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1. Recalling past OSCE PA resolutions on security-related issues, reform of the OSCE, and increasing the co-operation between the OSCE's executive structures and the Parliamentary Assembly, as well as the Astana Commemorative Declaration and the relevant 2011 Vilnius Ministerial Council Decisions,
2. Reaffirming that security begins with the inherent dignity of the individual and recognizing that the OSCE comprehensive approach to security remains a key concept for successfully addressing the security challenges of the twenty-first century,
3. Stressing the indispensable contribution of the OSCE to the establishment of unique arms control and confidence-building regimes in the area from Vancouver to Vladivostok,
4. Welcoming the decision to reissue the Vienna Document and regretting that consensus could not be reached on more substantial political agreements, and urging to continue to further update and modernize the Vienna Document under the "Vienna Document Plus" procedure,
5. Encouraging continued efforts to further improve the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, efforts in the field of arms control agreements and confidence- and security-building measures, efforts to support regional implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 in accordance with the Forum for Security Co-operation's mandate, and efforts in other areas,
6. Regretting that several participating States have moved further away from implementing their OSCE commitments, and reiterating that dealing with and strengthening activities in the sphere of national security should not be done at the expense of human rights and democracy,
7. Expressing deep regret that unresolved conflicts still exist in the OSCE area, leading to the emergence of new tensions and triggering further human suffering, as well as hampering socio-economic development and prospects for prosperity,
8. Being aware of the negative impact that the financial crisis is exerting on the security environment and the limitations it has put on national and international efforts aimed at addressing risks and challenges to our common security as well as on strengthening the OSCE capacity in that area,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

9. Urges OSCE participating States to work to further update the Vienna Document prior to the Dublin Ministerial Council Meeting in order to increase transparency and predictability, which would entail lowering the thresholds at which States are obliged to inform each other of their military exercises, increasing the opportunities for verification activity, modernizing

and updating the exchange of military information, strengthening risk reduction mechanisms and enlarging the scope of confidence- and security-building measures;

10. Calls for a new start to the negotiations on the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty and strongly encourages all countries party to the Treaty to honour their obligations under this regime;
11. In this regard, stresses the importance of the principle of territorial integrity, and calls on participating States to refrain from organizing exercises or events on foreign ground without the previous consent of the host nation;
12. Calls on all parties involved in unresolved conflicts to intensify their efforts to generate peaceful and viable solutions;
13. Reaffirms that systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms which currently take place in some OSCE participating States, in combination with an absence of strong democratic institutions and deviations from the rule of law, represent a serious threat to security and stability;
14. Emphasizes the importance of monitoring the implementation by participating States of their human dimension commitments during all phases of the conflict cycle, and calls on the OSCE Ministerial Council to strengthen an implementation review function within the OSCE;
15. Calls for a comprehensive and timely implementation of the Vilnius Ministerial Council Decision on “Elements of the Conflict Cycle, Related to Enhancing the OSCE’s Capabilities in Early Warning, Early Action, Dialogue Facilitation and Mediation Support, and Post-Conflict Rehabilitation”;
16. Encourages national parliaments in conflict areas to take an active role in reconciliation efforts and in informing and convincing the electorate of the need to work towards compromise to reach peace;
17. Urges an immediate implementation of the 2010 OSCE PA Oslo Declaration with regard to facilitating the voluntary return in safety and dignity of all refugees and internally displaced persons from the 2008 war in Georgia;
18. Urges all participating States to use instruments of the economic and environmental dimension as confidence-building measures in order to establish and strengthen co-operation between parties in conflict areas;
19. Emphasizes the importance of political pluralism in national politics, particularly within parliaments, and urges participating States to ensure the democratic right of political parties to stand for election in a free and unhindered way to promote multi-party systems;
20. Calls on the OSCE to deepen contact and co-operation with Afghanistan and to help strengthen ties between Afghanistan and the Central Asian States in order to address the

security challenges and the risk of spill-over, especially in light of the planned withdrawal of the International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) from Afghanistan;

21. Calls on the OSCE to undertake the necessary internal reforms to enable an effective response to the new security related environment whilst reflecting current financial restrictions:
- i. Reiterates its call for the OSCE to develop multi-year programmatic planning to pursue longer-term strategies of its activities;
 - ii. Repeats its recommendation for the modification of the consensus rule for decision-making, at least with regards to decisions related to personnel, budget and administration issues;
 - iii. Repeats its call for the OSCE to adjust the existing periods of service with the aim to improve continuity and retention of institutional memory;
 - iv. Again stresses the important role of the OSCE Institutions and field operations and the need to ensure that the necessary resources are available for their mandated activities;
 - v. Renews its call for the re-opening of an OSCE presence in Belarus as well as in Georgia based on a status-neutral agreement;
 - vi. Encourages the OSCE to improve co-ordination between the Secretariat, Institutions and field operations, in order to avoid duplication and maximize efficient utilization of resources;
 - vii. Welcomes the establishment, within the OSCE Secretariat, of a Department addressing Transnational Threats and reiterates its support for the OSCE activities in this field;
 - viii. Calls for the OSCE to organize an exchange of views and best practices on confidence- and security-building measures, including in the area of cyber security and counter-terrorism, with a view to exploring the possibility for building new OSCE commitments;
 - ix. Calls on the OSCE to adopt the strategic framework for police-related activities based on promotion of democratic policing principles that was developed by OSCE participating States under the Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship during 2011.

