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1. Commemorating the adoption of the 1999 Charter for European Security at the Istanbul Summit which made important progress on confidence and security building measures and arms control,
2. Recalling the Helsinki +40 process, established in the OSCE Ministerial Council Decision in Dublin, and welcoming this opportunity for renewed dialogue on important aspects of the future of the OSCE,
3. Reflecting on the lack of progress regarding modernizing arms control regimes and finding solutions to unresolved conflicts in the OSCE area,
4. Expressing concern for the security situation in Central Asia, specifically border control, in light of the forthcoming withdrawal of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) from Afghanistan,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

5. Calls for clarification of the goals and purpose of the Helsinki +40 process by the OSCE Chairmanship, in co-operation with the next two chairmanships, whilst informing the public about the process to increase the level of interest and transparency;
6. Urges participating States to make use of the Helsinki +40 process to rebuild trust between each other and to combine informal diplomatic dialogue with political engagement from capitals to achieve an agreement on essential updates for the OSCE, and calls upon OSCE participating States to take advantage of this process at the political level to reach concrete decisions on an action plan to achieve an indivisible Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community stretching from Vancouver to Vladivostok;
7. In this connection, recommends participating States to incorporate ideas about reform of OSCE Institutions and instruments, especially the ones listed in the OSCE PA 2005 Colloquium Report, so to be better able to take the necessary decisions for action;
8. Calls on the OSCE Permanent Council to incorporate the Assembly's input and ideas into the process and to consider the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly as the most direct link to the people of the OSCE region, as a partner in the Helsinki +40 process;

9. Calls on participating States to continue to monitor their implementation of OSCE commitments, specifically on issues of democracy and human rights, and stresses the important role of parliaments in this respect;
10. Welcomes the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Arms Trade Treaty which seeks to bring transparency and protection of human rights to the industry, and calls upon parliaments of OSCE participating States to take necessary measures to ratify the Treaty so that it can enter into force;
11. Reiterates the need for updating the Vienna Document at the Kyiv Ministerial Council Meeting in order to increase transparency and predictability, including lowering 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;
12. Calls for renewed negotiations on the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty, and strongly encourages all countries party to the Treaty to honour their CFE obligations;
13. Urges OSCE participating States that are parties to the Open Skies Treaty to investigate ways of asset sharing in order to allow sufficient financial means for certification processes, training and aerial observation in order to contribute to the further development and strengthening of peace, stability and co-operative security;
14. Calls for intensified efforts towards generating a peaceful and viable solution to the unresolved conflicts, and urges the OSCE Chairmanship to redouble efforts to find solutions to the tragic protracted conflicts in the Caucasus and Moldova;
15. In this connection, repeats its recommendation to re-establish a meaningful OSCE presence in Georgia, and to maintain and strengthen the OSCE Offices in Baku and Yerevan, as well as the OSCE Mission in Moldova;
16. Stresses in general the important role of OSCE field operations in areas related to all three OSCE dimensions, and calls for the political mandates of OSCE field operations to reflect this;
17. Calls on the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs to continue their engagement with Armenia and Azerbaijan to seek solutions to the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh;
18. Supports the Geneva Process to find solutions to the consequence of the 2008 war in Georgia, welcomes the decrease of security related incidents and the work of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism, and urges the OSCE to continue its work on confidence- and security-building measures in Georgia;

19. Welcomes the engagement of the Ukrainian Chairmanship and the progress made in the Transdniestrian settlement process, and strongly urges parties involved in the conflict, as well as outside mediators, to work to maintain the momentum and continue the direct contacts between leaders from Chisinau and Tiraspol;
20. Urges the OSCE to pay close attention to the security situation in Central Asia in the lead-up to the withdrawal of ISAF from Afghanistan and to form a plan to deal with any spill-over effect within field operations, the Conflict Prevention Centre and the Transnational Threats Department;
21. Calls on the OSCE to increase efforts to train border guards and law enforcement agents in Central Asia to secure borders and prevent terrorism, and recommends the OSCE increase attention to cross-border co-operation in general as a tool in the final stage of the conflict cycle as well as a conflict prevention mechanism;
22. Again invites 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 security challenges;
23. Stresses that the security of the OSCE area is linked to that of the Mediterranean, requests that the OSCE increasingly engages with its Mediterranean partners, considers that the Parliamentary Assembly should play a more prominent role in this area, and insists on the need to renew and strengthen the Mediterranean Forum;
24. Strongly condemns the April terrorist attack in Boston at a sports event which served to bring people together in peace, and calls upon OSCE participating States to unite and increase international co-operation to fight terrorism in all its forms.

