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**DECISION No. 6/11
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Ministerial Council,

Recognizing the importance of OSCE measures in combating illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons (SALW) in all its aspects and in contributing to the reduction and prevention of the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW,

Also recognizing the importance of OSCE measures aimed at addressing security risks posed by the presence of stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA), explosive materials and detonating devices in surplus and/or awaiting destruction in some States in the OSCE area,

Taking note of the active role taken by the OSCE in international efforts based on the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00, 24 November 2000), the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), and related FSC decisions, including the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DEC/2/10, 26 May 2010),

Recognizing the continuing importance of improving the management, security and safety of stockpiles of small arms, light weapons and conventional ammunition,

Also reaffirming the voluntary nature of the assistance provided by OSCE participating States in the reduction of SALW, in the destruction of surplus stockpiles of conventional ammunition and in upgrading stockpile management and security practices of participating States that request assistance in this regard,

Noting the crucial importance of co-ordination and co-operation between different organizations and other relevant actors to the effective addressing of the aforementioned challenges, and with the intention of strengthening the OSCE's contribution to these efforts within existing resources and/or extrabudgetary contributions,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/48 entitled: “The arms trade treaty”,

1. Welcomes and takes note, within the Forum for Security Co-operation:
 - FSC Decision No. 2/10 on the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, adopted on 26 May 2010 pursuant to Decision No. 15/09 adopted at the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council;
 - FSC Decision No. 17/10 on an information exchange with regard to OSCE Principles on the Control of Brokering in Small Arms and Light Weapons, adopted on 24 November 2010 pursuant to Decision No. 15/09 adopted at the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council and to the OSCE Plan of Action on SALW;
 - FSC Decision No. 3/11 on destruction of conventional ammunition as the preferred method of disposal, adopted on 23 March 2011;
 - FSC Decision No. 9/11 on the OSCE Meeting to Review the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, to be organized for 22 and 23 May 2012, adopted on 28 September 2011;
 - The progress reports on the Continuing Implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and on the Continuing Implementation of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, as submitted to the Eighteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council pursuant to Decision No. 15/09 adopted at the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council;
 - The Special FSC Meeting on SALW export and brokering controls held on 28 September 2011 and the Chairperson’s report, including the survey of suggestions;
 - The ongoing development of an OSCE template of an end-user certificate for small arms and light weapons, taking into account FSC Decision No. 5/04 of 17 November 2004 that defines the standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures for SALW exports, and national practices of participating States;
 - The reporting template introduced by the CPC, for one-off information exchanges related to the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, sample formats of national end-user certificates and/or other pertinent documents, present regulations concerning brokering activities with regard to SALW and for the annual information exchange on the points of contact on SALW and SCA;
 - The progress in and results of OSCE SALW and SCA projects aimed at providing assistance in the full implementation of relevant OSCE commitments;
2. Tasks the Forum for Security Co-operation, in accordance with its mandate, in 2012, to:

- Accelerate efforts to further implement the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons;
 - Annex all relevant FSC decisions to the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and reissue as a consolidated record;
 - Take an active role in the Review Conference to Consider the Implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, and develop the synergy between the UN and the OSCE in this area;
 - Ensure coherence and complementarity with the UN framework on SALW;
 - Follow discussions as encouraged in United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/48;
 - Review the OSCE commitments on controlling brokering activities in SALW in accordance with Ministerial Council Decisions Nos. 8/04, 11/08 and 15/09 and FSC Decision No. 17/10, also taking into account the Chairperson's report on the Special FSC Meeting on SALW held on 28 September 2011;
 - Further facilitate appropriate border and customs co-operation, and promote activities to enhance customs procedures for preventing trafficking of illicit SALW;
 - Submit, through its Chairperson, progress reports to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2012, on these tasks and on the continuing implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition;
3. Encourages the participating States to continue providing extrabudgetary contributions to support FSC assistance projects on SALW and SCA, either to a specific project or by providing resources and technical expertise to the OSCE's comprehensive programme on SALW and SCA;
4. Tasks the Secretary General to continue efforts to enhance co-ordination and co-operation with other international and regional organizations in order to develop synergies, increase effectiveness and promote a coherent approach to the implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.