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**DECISION No. 7/03
MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Taking into account the concern expressed by the participating States in the course of the first Annual Security Review Conference, which was held on 25 and 26 June 2003, with regard to potential access of terrorist groups to “Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS)”,

Recognizing that MANPADS should be given special attention and consideration in light of the devastating loss of life and potential effect on the civil aviation industry that a single MANPADS attack could cause,

Bearing in mind commitments the OSCE participating States have undertaken in the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism, in particular those reflected in paragraph 6 and paragraph 27,

Reaffirming its determination to combat illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons (SALW) in all its aspects,

Keeping in mind its commitments laid down in Section VI, paragraph 2 of the OSCE Document on SALW to consider specific small arms issues raised by participating States,

Taking into account the procedures on the implementation of Section V of the OSCE Document on SALW outlined in FSC Decision No. 15/02 of 20 November 2002 (FSC.DEC/15/02) and PC Decision No. 535 of 15 March 2003 (PC.DEC/535),

Decides:

- To promote the application of effective and comprehensive export controls for MANPADS, defined in the SALW Document as portable launchers of anti-aircraft missile systems. To facilitate FSC discussion of this issue through examination of current practices, the CPC is requested to prepare by 10 October 2003 a matrix displaying pertinent information provided by participating States on “portable launchers of anti-aircraft missile systems” in their submission for the June 2003 information exchange on SALW;

- To urge participating States, where appropriate, to propose projects for tackling MANPADS-related problems such as: stockpile security and management, reduction and disposal, improving border controls to prevent illicit trafficking, collection and control programmes.