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DECISION No. 14/11 REISSUING THE VIENNA DOCUMENT

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Guided by the Astana Commemorative Declaration, which valued the work of the FSC and looked forward to the updating of the Vienna Document 1999, and by FSC Decision No. 1/10 establishing a procedure for incorporating relevant FSC decisions into the Vienna Document and its reissuing,

Decides to:

- Reissue the Vienna Document under the title "Vienna Document 2011 on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures" by incorporating in the Vienna Document 1999 VD PLUS decisions annexed to this decision;
- Replace the wording in the last paragraph of chapter XII "will come into force on 1 January 2000, unless specified otherwise" with "will come into force on 1 December 2011".

LIST OF VD PLUS DECISIONS TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE VIENNA DOCUMENT 1999

- Decision No. 10/10 "Taking national holidays into account when planning verification activities" of 27 October 2010
- Decision No. 11/10 "Timing of a demonstration of new types of major weapon and equipment systems" of 10 November 2010
- Decision No. 12/10 "Incorporating FSC Decision No. 1/10 into the Vienna Document Chapter XII" of 10 November 2010
- Decision No. 13/10 "Updating the listing of Partners for Co-operation mentioned in Chapter XII" of 10 November 2010
- Decision No. 15/10 "Eligibility of air bases for hosting visits" of 24 November 2010
- Decision No. 4/11 "Updating the list of OSCE participating States mentioned in the introduction" of 15 June 2011
- Decision No. 6/11 "Accuracy of co-ordinates of formations, combat units, air formations and air combat units" of 20 July 2011
- Decision No. 7/11 "Amendments and additions to Chapter IX 'Compliance and Verification' Paragraphs 98 and 127" of 27 July 2011
- Decision No. 10/11 "Updating the title and the introduction of the Vienna Document 1999" of 28 September 2011

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Turkey:

"The Government of Turkey had placed a reservation concerning the representation of Cyprus at the CSCE Summit on 31 July 1975 (CSCE/III/1). The Government of Turkey has later reiterated this reservation at subsequent meetings, and in this regard on the occasion of the adoption of the Vienna Document 1999 has made an interpretative statement on the validity, applicability or binding effect of that Document as regards and in relation to Cyprus as recorded in FSC Journal No. 275 dated 16 November 1999. There is no change in the Turkish policy in these issues.

In the same interpretative statement the Government of Turkey stated that the Vienna Document is negotiated and adopted on the basis of the commitments undertaken in the Helsinki Final Act and the ten principles contained therein, among them the principle on the 'Fulfilment in good faith of obligations under international law'. Therefore, the implementation of the Vienna Document has to be carried out in full conformity with this principle, including respect for the relevant provisions of the international agreements and treaties regarding the demilitarized status of specific territories. Consequently, any notification or acts of implementation carried out under the provisions of the Vienna Document cannot in any way affect the demilitarized status of such territories as described in the relevant instruments as well as the international obligations related to this status arising from these international instruments. The Government of Turkey maintains the same policy on this issue as well.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly request this statement to be attached to the journal of the day."

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Cyprus:

"Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

I wish to make an interpretative statement in reply to the interpretative statement just made by the Turkish delegation:

'Cyprus has no doubts about being a sovereign State, its sovereignty extending over the whole of Cyprus. No State or international organization has any doubts about Cyprus' sovereignty, except the Republic of Turkey. The internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus is a member State of the United Nations, the European Union, the OSCE and a plethora of other international organizations.

The claim that the Republic of Cyprus does not represent Cyprus as a whole has been unequivocally, authoritatively and definitively rejected by the pre-eminent organ responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, the United Nations Security Council, in several of its mandatory resolutions.

Any documents and commitments adopted in the OSCE, including the FSC, are equally binding on and applicable to all participating States without exception, pursuant to relevant principles and procedures. There can be no effect or consequence as a result of the statement made by the delegation of Turkey here today, nor shall this statement preclude the applicability or implementation of the decision just adopted by this Forum, between the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Turkey.'

I would request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."