

Proposals put forward by the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the 6 August missile incident for consideration by the participating States:

A) Apart from the authorship of the incident, the parties involved and all participating States should be in a position to agree on the following basic propositions:

- a) Incidents of this nature are extremely dangerous and worrying.
- b) They pose a threat to the stability and security of the Organization as a whole.
- c) Therefore, participating States express their determination to use all necessary means to avoid their repetition.

B) Under the auspices and good offices of the OSCE parties should continue their bilateral talks in order to look into the facts and to find mechanisms for prevention and rapid reaction.

C) The OSCE should have at its disposal rapid reaction mechanisms to intervene in such cases at the shortest notice. A possibility could be to adopt the figure of a special representative of the Chairman-in-Office to be rapidly deployed should a crisis arise. Such a figure should be duly designated by the Chairmanship at the beginning of the year. An alternative to this would be to confer a special mandate on the Secretary General or the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (among other possibilities) so that an immediate presence on the ground could be ensured and objective and reliable information could be collected. The Chairmanship would immediately share this information with participating States within the appropriate format, for instance the Permanent Council, regular or extraordinary.

D) The OSCE should also strengthen its tools for preventive diplomacy or even create new ones when needed. In this case, by increasing the number of monitors and observers; by setting up specific channels of communication between air control administrations specifically designed for rapid contacts in case of emergency and by including in the OSCE Mission to Georgia mechanisms for air traffic control and crisis prevention within its Border Support Management Programme.

E) Finally, the Chairmanship would like that this incident be considered by participating States both as a warning about how fragile security is in our common space and as an opportunity to look forward to improving our confidence building, crisis prevention and crisis management instruments.