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DECISION No. 5/04
FURTHER IMPLEMENTING THE OSCE DOCUMENT ON
STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION

The Ministerial Council,

- Acknowledging the need to raise awareness throughout the OSCE area of the problems related to the management, security and disposal of stockpiles of conventional ammunition, explosive material, and detonating devices in surplus and/or awaiting destruction,
- Reaffirming the principles and procedures agreed to by the OSCE participating States in the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03, 19 November 2003),
- Recognizing the risk of diversion and the risks and challenges to human security and the environment caused by the presence in the OSCE area of these stockpiles,
- Noting with interest the decision taken by the First Committee of the fifty-ninth United Nations General Assembly to include the problems resulting from surplus stockpiles of conventional ammunition in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session,
- Welcoming the concrete steps undertaken so far in the framework of the OSCE to implement the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition,
- Encouraging participating States to continue in their efforts to address this issue, *inter alia*, by working in co-operation with other international fora,

Decides:

- To task the FSC to submit, through the FSC Chair, a progress report on the further implementation of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition to the Thirteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2005.