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**DECISION No. 3/11
DESTRUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA) (FSC.DOC/1/03, 19 November 2003), that refers to nationally owned holdings,

Noting the recommendations included within the OSCE Handbook of Best Practices on Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DEC/6/08, 18 June 2008),

Recalling the Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers (FSC.JOUR/49, 25 November 1993),

Acting on the conclusions of the FSC Chairperson's progress report submitted to the seventeenth Ministerial Council meeting in Athens that introduces "a preference to destroy surplus conventional ammunition, rather than to sell it",

Decides:

1. To enhance implementation of the Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition by recognizing destruction as the preferred method of disposal of:
 - The surplus of conventional ammunition where the participating State has responsibility to assess in accordance with its legitimate security needs whether its stockpiles are to be identified as surplus as indicated in Section III of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition. However, if a participating State decides that a transfer is the preferred method of disposal of its surplus conventional ammunition, such a transfer will respect the Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers;
 - Expired conventional ammunition, unless the participating State with responsibility for such ammunition determines there is storage life extension beyond that recommended by the manufacturer;

- Obsolete conventional ammunition where the participating State with responsibility for such ammunition assesses that the ammunition is operationally unusable or unmanageable;
- 2. To encourage participating States to contribute on a voluntary basis to assist participating States who request provision of assistance in the destruction of their surplus, expired or obsolete conventional ammunition;
- 3. To annex this decision to the Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition and publish it with it.