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## **DECLARATION ON FURTHERING THE HELSINKI+40 PROCESS**

We, the members of the Ministerial Council of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, reaffirm our full adherence to all OSCE norms, principles and commitments, starting from the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and all other OSCE documents to which we have agreed, and our responsibility to implement them fully and in good faith.

We also reaffirm our full adherence to the Astana Commemorative Declaration: Towards a Security Community, in which the participating States recommitted themselves to the vision of a free, democratic, common and indivisible Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community stretching from Vancouver to Vladivostok, rooted in agreed principles, shared commitments and common goals. This security community should unite all OSCE participating States across the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian region, free of dividing lines, conflicts, spheres of influence and zones with different levels of security.

We reconfirm our engagement and strong commitment to further develop the Helsinki+40 process, launched by the Ukrainian Chairmanship in accordance with the Dublin Ministerial Council decision, as an inclusive effort by all the participating States to provide strong and continuous political impetus to advancing work towards realizing the vision of a security community, and further strengthening our co-operation in the OSCE on the way towards 2015, a year that marks four decades since the signing of the Helsinki Final Act.

We reiterate that this special anniversary represents a unique opportunity to reaffirm the participating States' commitment to the concept of comprehensive, co-operative, equal and indivisible security, by recording practical results reflecting intensified efforts to fully implement OSCE commitments and to reconfirm and build upon the OSCE achievements across the three dimensions, and to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

We acknowledge the advancement of our Helsinki+40 deliberations under the Ukrainian Chairmanship and note the positive spirit of discussions in the framework of the open-ended informal Helsinki+40 Working Group. These deliberations contribute to strengthening trust and confidence among the participating States, by reconfirming and advancing those agreed principles on which the OSCE is based and reaffirming the OSCE's comprehensive and co-operative approach to security.

We call on the forthcoming Chairmanships of Switzerland and Serbia to continue pursuing this process on the basis of a co-ordinated strategic approach to guiding participating States' deliberations over the next two years.

We encourage the forthcoming Chairmanships to further stimulate a result-oriented dialogue among the OSCE participating States in order to advance the process through concrete follow-up to the discussions. We also encourage the Secretary General to assist the Chairmanship as needed within his mandate. We welcome the intention of the forthcoming Chairmanships to seek further contributions to the process by the OSCE executive structures, including institutions, and also by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

We call upon the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation, within its mandate, to further contribute to the Helsinki+40 process.

We welcome that the forthcoming Chairmanships will further intensify contacts with the OSCE Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation, other relevant organizations and partners, academia, non-governmental organizations and other representatives of civil society to provide contributions to the Helsinki+40 process.