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DECISION No. 4/04 REPORTING LOST/STOLEN PASSPORTS TO INTERPOL'S AUTOMATED SEARCH FACILITY/STOLEN TRAVEL DOCUMENT DATABASE (ASF-STD)

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling that the OSCE participating States have committed to prevent and combat terrorism, and in particular to enhance travel document security, through the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism and the Maastricht Ministerial Council Decision on Travel Document Security (MC.DEC/7/03),

Acknowledging the importance of cross-border communication and co-operation in combating global organized crime and terrorism,

Reaffirming its commitment to implement effective and resolute measures against terrorism and to prevent the movement of terrorist individuals or groups through effective border controls and controls relating to the issuance of identity papers and travel documents,

Decides that the OSCE participating States should rapidly report all instances of lost and stolen international travel documents^{*}, either individually personalized or blank (unassigned), to Interpol's Automated Search Facility/Stolen Travel Document Database (ASF-STD), in accordance with Interpol's data protection guidelines and agreements between Interpol and the participating States concerned.

^{*} Except for internal passports of Uzbekistan and the Russian Federation.