



RESOLUTION:

STRENGTHEN THE ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

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Recognising that:

- Since its foundation in 1975, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) has steadily grown and now has 57 participating States all across the Northern Hemisphere;
- The OSCE is the only forum that includes all European countries;
- The OSCE is based on a balance between military and political, economic and humanitarian dimensions;
- The unique structure of the OSCE is safeguarded with the three Institutions: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM) and Representative of Freedom of the Media (RFM);
- The OSCEs Ministerial council in 2014 launched a high-level panel that will be led by Wolfgang Ischinger. The panel aims to strengthen trust throughout the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian regions and to build a more resilient system of European security;
- Reform of the OSCE is on the agenda following proposals from Russia, calling for the Organisation to focus more on security and less on the economic and humanitarian dimension;
- The OSCE in 2005 concluded its last reform, while the Organisation during the last years has pursued the Helsinki 40+ process in order to strengthen the organisation.

Acknowledging that:

- The OSCE has become even more important due to increasing instability in Europe. This increased tension in Europe relates to all three dimensions of the OSCEs work;
- The OSCE is more than ever needed as a functioning forum and as a viable actor to secure peace and stability;
- The OSCE can only be effective if the participating States actively use it;
- Security is about more than bullets and military force. Only through democracy and human rights can peace and security be maintained.

YEPP calls on:

- The OSCE's reform process to continue. Human rights and democracy are the crucial basis for any reform work and the work of OSCE. The world's largest regional security organisation should continue to work on security within all its three dimensions;
- The High-level Panel to secure the unique role of the three Institutions (ODIHR, HCNM, RFM);
- The European nations to increase their commitment to using the OSCE.