Resolution

Twenty years after the accident at Chernobyl, the Conference “OSCE : Security and Risk Management in Europe”, held in Brussels on April 18th and 19th 2006, with the participation of parliamentarians and government representatives of OSCE participating states, OSCE Mediterranean partners for co-operation and OSCE partners for co-operation came to the following conclusions:

- in full knowledge of the multiple aspects of systemic risk governance and of its growing importance to international and global security in the future;
- having discussed its implications for the activities of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe;
- recognising the need for enhanced co-operation between OSCE participating states, OSCE Mediterranean partners for co-operation and OSCE-partners for co-operation in this field critical for the protection and health of the citizens and of their environment, as well as for the socio-economic development of the nations;
- noting the wish of the conference participants to promote concrete actions related to systemic risk governance and the effective management of systemic risks;

The Conference recommends

- that the OSCE participating states consider the elaboration of a programme of actions related to security and systemic risk governance;
- that these activities should cover among others:
  - a broader exchange of information between countries about future risks and their identification, assessment and management strategies;
  - an improved co-ordination in the identification, assessment and management of transboundary systemic risks;
  - the exchange of experience about civil protection methodologies;
  - the exchange of learning points from actual events in order to enhance risk governance throughout OSCE participating states, OSCE Mediterranean countries for co-operation and OSCE partners for co-operation;
  - the setting-up of a standing OSCE crisis management team composed of experts in systemic risk governance and attached directly to the Chairmanship of OSCE, able to be mobilised promptly when any crisis, nuclear, industrial, military or natural would be happening in any OSCE country;
- that the OSCE consider the creation of a Working Group entrusted with the preparation of such actions; such Working Group should be opened to OSCE Mediterranean partners for co-operation and OSCE partners for co-operation;
- that the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly due to meet on July 3-7, 2006 pay special attention to security and systemic risk governance policy and prepare the appropriate measures;
- that an ongoing relationship should be maintained with the International Risk Governance Council for the formulation and implementation of a programme of actions under the auspices of the OSCE;

The Conference thanks the Belgian Senate for its initiative and expresses its gratitude for its kind welcome to the Conference participants.