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**DECISION No. 8/03  
MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS**

The Ministerial Council,

Taking into account the concern expressed by participating States with regard to potential access of terrorist groups to Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS),

Recognizing that MANPADS should be given special attention and consideration, in view of the devastating loss of life and potential effect on the civil aviation industry that a single MANPADS attack could cause,

Recognizing that the FSC has decided to promote the application of effective and comprehensive export controls for MANPADS, and will continue its discussion of the issue through examination of current practices, based on the provisions of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons,

Endorses and underlines the importance of FSC Decision No. 7/03, on Man-Portable Air Defence Systems.