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**Chairmanship: Spain****693rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Friday, 21 December 2007

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *2008 Unified Budget Proposal:* Finland (Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance), Portugal-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1208/07), Canada (PC.DEL/1206/07), Russian Federation, Norway, Kazakhstan, United States of America (PC.DEL/1202/07), Armenia, United Kingdom
- (b) *Parliamentary Elections in Kyrgyzstan held on 16 December 2007:* Portugal-European Union (PC.DEL/1210/07), Norway, Canada (PC.DEL/1207/07), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1201/07), United States of America (PC.DEL/1204/07), Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan
- (c) *Abolition of the death penalty in the state of New Jersey, United States of America:* European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1209/07)

- (d) *Recent demonstrations in Belarus*: United States of America  
(PC.DEL/1203/07), Belarus
- (e) *Visa regime between Belarus and its neighbouring European Union member States after the recent enlargement of the Schengen area*: Belarus  
(PC.DEL/1212/07 OSCE+), Portugal-European Union
- (f) *Draft UN General Assembly resolution on protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development*:  
Armenia, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2:           DECISION ON AUGMENTATION PRACTICE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 827 (PC.DEC/827), the text of which is appended to this journal, on augmentation practice.

Agenda item 3:           DECISION ON THE 2007 UNIFIED BUDGET REVISION  
FOR THE OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA AND THE OSCE  
MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 828 (PC.DEC/828), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the 2007 Unified Budget Revision for the OSCE Mission to Croatia and the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

Agenda item 4:           DECISION ON POST TABLE CHANGES

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 829 (PC.DEC/829), the text of which is appended to this journal, on post table changes.

Agenda item 5:           DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE APPLICATION  
OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DECISION No. 17/06 ON  
THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONSULTATIVE  
PROCESS

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 830 (PC.DEC/830), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the application of Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/06 on the improvement of the consultative process.

Agenda item 6:           DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
                                  THE OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 831 (PC.DEC/831), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia.

Agenda item 7:           DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
                                  THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 832 (PC.DEC/832), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

Agenda item 8:           DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
                                  THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 833 (PC.DEC/833), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

United States of America

Agenda item 9:           DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
                                  THE OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 834 (PC.DEC/834), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

Agenda item 10:         DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
                                  THE OSCE OFFICE IN MINSK

Chairperson, Belarus

**Decision:** The Permanent Council placed the decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Minsk, the text of which is appended to this journal, under a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on Thursday, 27 December 2007, at 3 p.m. CET.

Agenda item 11: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*OSCE Mediterranean Seminar, held in Tel Aviv, on 18 and 19 December 2007:*  
Chairperson

Agenda item 12: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/244/07 OSCE+):* Secretary General
- (b) *Activities of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/244/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 13: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential elections in Serbia, to be held on 20 January 2008:* Serbia
- (b) *Municipal elections in France, to be held on 9 and 16 March 2008:* France (PC.DEL/1200/07)
- (c) *Presidential elections in Armenia, to be held on 19 February 2008:* Armenia
- (d) *Farewell of the Spanish Chairmanship:* Chairperson, Finland, Deputy Director of Management and Finance for Conference Services

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 21 December 2007, at 4.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



**693rd Plenary Meeting**

PC Journal No. 693, Agenda item 2

**DECISION No. 827  
AUGMENTATION PRACTICE**

The Permanent Council,

Aiming to improve administrative transparency, budget presentation and accountability,

Taking note of the proposals on review of augmentation practice and proposals for its amendment, presented by the Secretary General on 14 May 2007, SEC.GAL/86/07 in line with the tasking in Permanent Council Decision No. 780 of 2 February 2007,

Considering the outcome of the deliberations in the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance (ACMF) on these proposals,

Without prejudice to the outcome of the ongoing discussions on the scales of contributions,

Approves the establishment of a new Fund “Augmentations” on a provisional basis, financed on the basis of the field operations scale, limited to the current 74 augmentation positions, and managed by the Secretary General;

Decides to transfer these 74 posts and budgets as provided in PC.ACMF/61/07 of 1 October 2007 to this new Fund and to adjust the budgets of the affected field operations in south-eastern Europe accordingly;

The budget for the new Fund “Augmentations” is subject to the approval of the 2008 Unified Budget.

Tasks the ACMF to continue its deliberations on a definitive solution of this issue.



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**DECISION No. 828  
2007 UNIFIED BUDGET REVISION FOR THE OSCE MISSION TO  
CROATIA AND THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 780 of 2 February 2007 on the approval of the 2007 Unified Budget,

Takes note of the budget revision proposed under PC.ACMF/91/07 of 17 December 2007;

Approves the budget revision as contained in the attached annex.

**2007 UNIFIED BUDGET REVISION FOR THE  
 OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA AND THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Transfers as per Fin.Reg. 3.02(b)</b>	<b>Revised Budget after Transfers</b>	<b>Budget Revision</b>	<b>Proposed Revised Budget</b>
<b>Main Programme Programme</b>					
<b><u>Mission in Kosovo</u></b>					
Good Governance and Democratic Institutions	4,788,800	-	4,788,800	(525,300)	4,263,500
<b>TOTAL FOR THE MISSION</b>	<b>4,788,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,788,800</b>	<b>(525,300)</b>	<b>4,263,500</b>
<b><u>Mission to Croatia</u></b>					
Office of Head of Mission	974,500	-	974,500	6,500	981,000
Fund Administration Unit	803,900	15,000	818,900	204,700	1,023,600
Common Operational Costs	1,548,200	(15,000)	1,533,200	5,100	1,538,300
Rule of Law (including Police)	1,593,200	-	1,593,200	129,200	1,722,400
Return and Integration	1,670,000	-	1,670,000	179,800	1,849,800
<b>TOTAL FOR THE MISSION</b>	<b>6,589,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,589,800</b>	<b>525,300</b>	<b>7,115,100</b>



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**DECISION No. 829  
POST TABLE CHANGES**

The Permanent Council,

Taking note of the 2008 OSCE Unified Budget Proposal presented under reference PC.ACMF/61/07 of 1 October 2007, and the 2008 Budget Proposal Revision for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo under the reference PC.ACMF/88/07 of 11 December 2007,

Pending a decision on the 2008 OSCE Unified Budget and Post Table,

Approves, with the exception of position reclassifications, the proposed post table changes for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, as contained in PC.ACMF/88/07 of 11 December 2007;

Approves, with the exception of position reclassifications, the proposed post table changes for the OSCE Tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as contained in PC.ACMF/61/07 of 1 October 2007;

Approves, with the exception of position reclassifications, the proposed post table changes for the OSCE Mission to Croatia, as contained in PC.ACMF/61/07 of 1 October 2007;

Approves, with the exception of position reclassifications, the proposed post table changes for the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje, as contained in PC.ACMF/61/07 of 1 October 2007.



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**693rd Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 830  
EXTENSION OF THE APPLICATION OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL  
DECISION No. 17/06 ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF  
THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/06, of 5 December 2006, on the improvement of the consultative process,

Having reviewed the application of the provisions of the aforementioned Ministerial Council Decision concerning the performance of the Security Committee, the Economic and Environmental Committee, and the Human Dimension Committee during 2007,

Welcoming the experience gained from the new structure of the consultative process established with a view to improving consultations and dialogue, also with a view to preparing debates, conclusions and decisions in the Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the application of Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/06 for a period of one year from 1 January 2008, and to review its possible extension at the end of 2008.



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**DECISION No. 831  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia until  
31 December 2008.



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**DECISION No. 832  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 763 of 14 December 2006,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until  
31 December 2008.



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**DECISION No. 833  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 800 of 5 July 2007,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 30 June 2008.



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**DECISION No. 834  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan until  
31 December 2008.



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**693rd Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION ON THE  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE OFFICE IN MINSK, SUBJECT TO A SILENCE PROCEDURE  
EXPIRING ON THURSDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2007, AT 3 P.M. CET**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Minsk until 31 December 2008.