
12th Plenary Meeting
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DECISION No. 28

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the decision taken by the Committee of Senior Officials at its 27th Meeting on the Report by the Secretary General on his visit to the recently admitted participating States of Central Asia (see 27-CSO/Journal No. 3, decision (g)), proposing, *inter alia*, to establish an OSCE Liaison Office in Central Asia,

Welcoming the readiness of the Government of Uzbekistan to host such an Office,

Expressing satisfaction at the readiness of UNDP to offer premises for such an Office at the United Nations Integrated Office in Tashkent,

Takes the following decision:

The OSCE Liaison Office in Central Asia will be established for a period of one year starting April 1995, and will be co-located with the United Nations Integrated Office in Tashkent;

The tasks of the Office, which will serve as an outpost of the OSCE Secretariat, will be to facilitate contacts and promote information exchange with the Chairman-in-Office as well as with other OSCE institutions and the OSCE participating States in Central Asia; establish and maintain contacts with local universities, research institutions and NGOs; promote OSCE principles and commitments as well as co-operation between countries of the region within the OSCE framework; assist in arranging OSCE regional events, *inter alia*, regional seminars and visits to the area by OSCE delegations; perform other tasks deemed appropriate by the Chairman-in-Office or other OSCE institutions;

On the basis of the contacts and experience of the Office, the Secretary General is requested, in co-operation with the ODIHR, to submit proposals for a medium-term (five-year) programme of co-ordinated support for the States of Central Asia, indicating the steps to be taken in 1996;

The Head of Office will report to the Chairman-in-Office through the Secretary General. He/she should be an experienced diplomat, preferably seconded by a participating State; two support staff will be locally recruited;

The Secretary General is requested to sign memoranda of understanding on the establishment of the Office with the Government of Uzbekistan and the United Nations;

The financial implications of this decision will be reflected in the revised 1995 budget.