

**179th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 250**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations (DOC.PC/1/96) as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996,

- Approves the adjustments in the Post Table of the ODIHR as contained in the proposal (PC.IFC/35/98 Restr.) circulated by the Secretary General on 22 May 1998. These adjustments will be implemented within the existing resources of the budget of the ODIHR for 1998. This decision does not set a precedent and is without prejudice to the outcome of future discussions on the review of the classification of posts on the OSCE Post Table.

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of  
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the Delegation of Austria on behalf of the European Union:

“The European Union wishes to recall that the establishment of the position of Migration Expert in the ODIHR was agreed at the Budapest Summit on a temporary, voluntary funded basis. It is the understanding of the European Union that where posts and activities are agreed on the basis of voluntary contributions, there can be no obligation for the OSCE to assume their continued financing on an assessed basis should sources of voluntary funding be exhausted. In this context, the decision today to convert this post into a fixed-term, salaried one should not be seen as a precedent.”