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DECISION No. 306

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the adoption by the Cologne Ministerial Conference on 10 June 1999 of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, launched at the initiative of the European Union, as well as the European Union's leading role in co-operation with other participating and facilitating States, international organizations and institutions,

Sharing the principles, norms and objectives on which the Stability Pact is established,

Reaffirming that the OSCE has a key role to play in fostering stability and security across the OSCE area,

Determined to make a significant contribution to the efforts undertaken through the Stability Pact,

Decides:

- To place the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe under the auspices of the OSCE and to work for compliance with the provisions of the Stability Pact by the participating States, in accordance with its procedures and established principles;
- To make use of OSCE institutions and instruments and their expertise to contribute to the proceedings of the South Eastern Europe Regional Table and of the Working Tables;
- To work closely with the EU, the Council of Europe, the UN, NATO, the OECD, the WEU, the IFIs, the regional initiatives as well as the countries of South Eastern Europe to achieve the objectives set out in the Stability Pact.

The OSCE stands ready to host meetings of the Working Tables of the Stability Pact at the venue of its Permanent Council. The Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact will provide periodic progress reports to the OSCE according to its procedures, on behalf of the South Eastern Europe Regional Table.

The Permanent Council requests the Chairman-in-Office:

- To ensure the appropriate follow-up by the OSCE of its decision to place the Stability Pact under its auspices;

- To promote further the development of the regional dimension of the OSCE's efforts in South Eastern Europe, including through the use of the mechanisms of the Stability Pact;
- To report regularly to the Permanent Council on the OSCE's work within the framework of the Stability Pact as well as on progress made concerning the development of the regional dimension of the OSCE's own efforts in the region.