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DECISION No. 1525
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until 30 June 2026.

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

"Having joined the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until 30 June 2026, the Russian Federation assumes that the Mission's activities will continue to be carried out in full compliance with the agreed tasks.

We trust that the field operation will use all available resources and its full potential to facilitate the resumption of meaningful work in the '5+2' negotiation format, which is the sole platform for working out the parameters for a long-term and comprehensive political settlement of the conflict in Transdniestria. We expect a firm and uncompromising response from the Mission's leadership to any attempts to question the relevance of this format.

At the same time, we should like to stress that it is unacceptable to use the OSCE Mission to Moldova to address parochial political concerns that go beyond its agreed mandate. First and foremost, this relates to the involvement of the field operation in the implementation of Moldova's European integration agenda, as well as to interference in the activities of the Operative Group of Russian Forces deployed in Transdniestria.

The fulfilment of the aforementioned conditions will be a decisive factor in the Russian Federation's decision on the fate of the Mission once its mandate expires on 30 June 2026.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of today's special meeting of the Permanent Council."

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Moldova:

"The delegation of the Republic of Moldova wishes to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The Republic of Moldova regrets that the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova has been extended for a period of six months, notwithstanding the consistent position of the host country in favour of a one-year extension, as reaffirmed in OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 adopted in Brussels in 2006.

The Republic of Moldova underlines the importance of stability and predictability for the effective implementation of the Mission's mandate and reiterates its appreciation for the professional and impartial work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. We reaffirm our support for the Mission's role in facilitating dialogue and confidence-building, including in efforts towards a comprehensive and peaceful settlement of the Transnistrian conflict, based on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders.

To ensure continuity of the Mission's work, the Republic of Moldova has joined the consensus on the six-month extension and reiterates its expectation that future extensions will revert to the established one-year mandate.

I would like to ask for this interpretative statement to be attached to the decision and journal of the day.

I thank you."

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

The delegation of Denmark, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

"In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

The European Union deeply deplores once again the isolated and unsubstantiated position of the Russian Federation to arbitrarily limit the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova to six months instead of one year, which is the rule we collectively subscribed to and reconfirmed in 2006 at the ministerial level. Indeed, the Brussels OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 reaffirmed unequivocally that the mandate for field operations should be of a one-year duration when the participating State hosting the field operation concurs. We continue to believe that a six-month extension represents a very heavy administrative burden for the Mission and we do not see any reason to render the functioning of the Mission even more challenging in the current very difficult circumstances, when the Republic of Moldova continues to face the consequences of Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine.

We commend the Mission for the outstanding work in implementing the mandate, which has continued in spite of the present challenging circumstances. We recall our strong support for the Mission's work in facilitating engagement and regular dialogue between the sides in the context of achieving a lasting comprehensive political settlement of the Transnistrian conflict, based on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders with a special status for Transnistria.

It is essential that the Mission continues to monitor the situation in the Security Zone and on the border with Ukraine, reporting promptly on any incidents occurring there. We reiterate our appeal for strict adherence to the rules established by the Joint Control Commission in the Security Zone and emphasize the importance of respecting the Mission's mandate and ensuring the free movement of its members.

Having in mind the importance of allowing the OSCE Mission to Moldova to continue its invaluable work, and taking into account the position of the host country, the European Union has decided to join the consensus to extend the mandate by six months.

We call on Russia to reconsider its position in order to allow for a resumption of a one-year extension of the Mission's mandate, as per the established rule it agreed upon at ministerial level during the Ministerial Council meeting in Brussels in 2006.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of today's meeting.

Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, (Republic of) Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine align themselves with this statement."

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of the United States of America:

"In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States values the work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. The United States recalls Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 on further strengthening the effectiveness of OSCE executive structures and reminds Russia of its commitment to that decision and to the principle that 'when the participating State hosting a field operation concurs, the mandate for field operations should be of a one year duration'. Per Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06, the Mission's mandate should be brought in line with the yearly OSCE cycle.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Before closing, however, I would like to say that we were very glad that we were finally able to agree to the extensions of the field missions before their expiration tomorrow. It is regrettable that these could not have been done at a regular Permanent Council meeting before the recess. While I do not mind coming in this morning, the special Permanent Council meeting required bringing in our fabulous interpreters at a huge and avoidable cost to the Organization.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson."

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Canada:

"Madam Chairperson,

Regarding the decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Canada would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Canada regrets that one participating State has again blocked consensus on extending the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova for the regular one-year term. Canada continues to strongly support the mandate of the Mission, and the role that it plays to support Moldova in addressing the challenges and security risks it faces.

Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 states clearly that 'when the participating State hosting a field operation concurs, the mandate for field operations should be of a one year duration'.

In refusing to agree to a one-year extension for the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the Russian Federation is yet again abusing the consensus principle to undermine an existing consensus decision.

We are again joining consensus on this irregular six-month extension but are disappointed that the Russian Federation has once again prioritized its narrow national interest to undermine the efficiency and effectiveness of our Organization, and broader European security.

We sincerely hope that the Russian Federation does not plan to continue this disruptive path and that the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova will be renewed for the regular one-year term in June 2026.

We request that this statement be attached to the decision.

Thank you."

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of the United Kingdom:

"In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the United Kingdom would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Firstly, the United Kingdom welcomes the adoption of the decisions this morning and would like to underline our disappointment that it has taken participating States until 30 December to agree consensus on what should be a routine set of mandate extensions. We hope these can again be agreed earlier in December in future years, in line with past practice.

In relation specifically to the extension of the mandate for the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the United Kingdom again regrets that the Russian Federation has chosen not to allow the full 12-month extension requested by the Mission and host country. We reiterate our call on the Russian Federation to reconsider its position for future mandate renewals and return to agreeing full 12-month mandate extensions for the Mission.

Madam Chairperson, I would like to request that this statement be attached to the decision as adopted and to the journal of the day."

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Switzerland:

"Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Switzerland would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

Switzerland regrets that once again we were unable to agree on the regular one-year extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 clearly states that the mandate of field operations should be of a one-year duration when the host country of the field operation agrees.

We would like to recall our strong support for the Mission's work and express our gratitude for its valuable efforts on the ground. It is imperative that the team can keep up its work without additional difficulties.

Taking into account the position of the host country, Switzerland decided to join consensus to extend the mandate by six months.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of today's meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."