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DECISION No. 1530
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 31 December 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 Moldova:

"Mr. Chairperson,

As host country, the Republic of Moldova fully supports the Mission's mandate and its extension for the standard period of one year. We regret that the Russian Federation continues to block consensus, contrary to the spirit of the Brussels OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06, which provides that field operation mandates should be of a one-year duration where the host participating State concurs.

Shortened mandate extensions create unnecessary uncertainty, administrative burdens and planning constraints. They affect the Mission's ability to work predictably and effectively, including in support of dialogue between Chișinău and Tiraspol, and monitoring developments in the Security Zone.

As you know, my country attaches great importance to the work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. The Mission remains central to the OSCE's engagement in the Transnistrian settlement process, with visible progress towards the reintegration of the country, although the formal negotiation format remains stalled, regretfully, as a consequence of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

We express our regret for the blocking of the extension for a one-year mandate as provided by Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 and call on the Russian Federation in the spirit of the OSCE to state their clear position on this subject.

We also commend the efforts of the Chairmanship to facilitate consensus and express our appreciation to all participating States that consistently support Moldova's position and the work of the OSCE field mission. In this context, we call on all delegations to act responsibly and to support consensus on the extension of the mandate.

We call once again on the Russian Federation to review its position and allow the Mission's mandate to return to the annual OSCE cycle.

Therefore, in order to unblock the situation, as a compromise, to allow the Mission to carry out its activities, the Republic of Moldova will treat with understanding a six-month extension.

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

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 Cyprus, 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 OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The EU 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. 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. We do not see any reason to undermine the functioning of the Mission even more in the current challenging 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 their work in implementing the mandate. 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.

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 EU 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 the 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 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 Canada:

"Mr. 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 deeply regrets that the Russian Federation has again blocked a regular one-year extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

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 light of the host country's position, Russia's refusal to agree to a one-year extension is yet another example of Russia abusing the consensus principle to undermine an existing consensus decision.

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. We affirm again our support for Moldova's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

We will again join consensus on this irregular six-month extension but we 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 request that this statement be attached to the decision and the journal of the day.

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.

The United Kingdom again regrets that the Russian Federation has obstructed timely agreement of the 12-month extension requested by the Mission and host country. OSCE 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 obstructing timely agreement to a 12-month extension, the Russian Federation has again abused the consensus principle to undermine an existing consensus decision.

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.

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