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**DECISION No. 373  
THE POLICE MONITORING GROUP IN CROATIA**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 239 of 25 June 1998, on the readiness of the OSCE to deploy police monitors in the Danube region of Croatia, as well as Decisions No. 112 of 18 April 1996 and No. 176 of 26 June 1997,

Referring to the Chairperson's perception expressed at the Permanent Council meeting on 13 July 2000 (PC.DEL/386/00) and the proposal by the OSCE Mission to Croatia of 11 August 2000 that the Police Monitoring Group in the Danube region of Croatia should be downsized and phased out (CIO.GAL/74/00),

Acknowledging the fact that the OSCE Police Monitoring Group has contributed to the peaceful integration of the Danube region,

Taking note of the fact that the security situation in the Danube region has remained stable during 2000,

- Decides that the Police Monitoring Group will cease operations as a distinct unit within the OSCE Mission to Croatia by 31 October 2000;
- Authorizes the OSCE Mission to Croatia, on the basis of the proposal by the OSCE Mission to Croatia of 11 August 2000 (CIO.GAL.74/00), to appoint experienced international civilian police officers and integrate them administratively and operationally into the Mission, as appropriate;
- Authorizes the OSCE Mission to Croatia to continue playing its civilian police monitoring and advisory role in the Danube region, as well as in other parts of Croatia;
- Requests the OSCE Mission to Croatia to continue to report to the Permanent Council on the security situation in the Danube region, as well as in other parts of Croatia, on a regular basis;
- Instructs the OSCE Mission to Croatia to reflect these reductions in savings in the Mission's year 2000 budget.