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**DECISION No. 525
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 484 of 28 June 2002,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 30 June 2003;

Takes note of the projects already presented by the Ukrainian Government and asks the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine to make every effort to fully implement the projects included in the OSCE database in full compliance with PC Decision No. 486 of 28 June 2002 and to keep under consideration all those projects to be evaluated on the basis of OSCE principles and objectives, and subject to the availability of financing.

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairman,

In the light of the decision just taken on the extension of the Mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, and in accordance with my instructions from Kiev, I would like to make the following statement:

The Delegation of Ukraine expresses gratitude to the Portuguese Chairmanship for the good work done in preparing the draft decision.

We consider the implementation of projects presented by the Government of Ukraine as a main priority of future Project Co-ordinator Office activities in our country.

The efforts of the Project Co-ordinator should be focused on projects aimed at assisting the Ukrainian authorities in adapting legislation, institutions and policies to the requirements of democracy based on the rule of law. As an overall goal the activities of the Office should contribute to strengthening the rule of law and good governance, thereby furthering Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Finally, our Delegation shares the position of the European Union that the earliest possible appointment of the Project Co-ordinator would contribute to the successful implementation of current and planned projects in Ukraine. We hope that the EU will give Ukraine the necessary assistance in this regard.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, let me express the readiness of Ukraine to enhance fruitful co-operation with the OSCE Project Co-ordinator's Office in Ukraine as well as with other OSCE institutions.

Mr. Chairman, I kindly ask you to arrange for this statement to be attached to the decision.

Thank you.