



Chairmanship: Slovakia

1253rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 19 December 2019

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 6.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč
Ambassador K. Žáková

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON COMBATING
CORRUPTION

Chairperson, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption (CIO.GAL/159/19 OSCE+), Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1468/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/1437/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1431/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/1451/19 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1442/19 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Georgia (PC.DEL/1446/19 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/1453/19 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Armenia (PC.DEL/1455/19 OSCE+), Italy

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE
SECURITY COMMITTEE, THE ECONOMIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, AND THE HUMAN
DIMENSION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee (PC.DEL/1434/19 OSCE+), Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee, Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee, Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1467/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1432/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/1439/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/1454/19 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1444/19), Switzerland, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1457/19), Georgia (PC.DEL/1447/19 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/1456/19 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN
UKRAINE

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1466/19) United States of America (PC.DEL/1438/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1432/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/1449/19 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1460/19 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/1445/19), Kazakhstan, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1458/19)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE DEPLOYMENT
OF OSCE OBSERVERS TO TWO RUSSIAN
CHECKPOINTS ON THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN
BORDER

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1359 (PC.DEC/1359) on the extension of the deployment of OSCE observers to two Russian checkpoints on the Russian-Ukrainian border, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), United States of

America (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), Canada (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision), Ukraine (interpretative statement, see attachment 5 to the decision)

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN BISHKEK

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1360 (PC.DEC/1360) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1361 (PC.DEC/1361) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1362 (PC.DEC/1362) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1363 (PC.DEC/1363) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), Ukraine (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision), Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania and North Macedonia; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 5 to the decision), Canada (interpretative statement, see attachment 6 to the decision)

Agenda item 9: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN NUR-SULTAN

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1364 (PC.DEC/1364) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Kazakhstan (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 10: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN DUSHANBE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1365 (PC.DEC/1365) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 11: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1459/19), Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1463/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/1440/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/1450/19 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1462/19 OSCE+), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1435/19), Ukraine
- (c) *50th round of the Geneva International Discussions, held on 10 and 11 December 2019:* Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1464/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/1441/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1436/19), Georgia (PC.DEL/1448/19 OSCE+)
- (d) *Verdict of the European Court of Human Rights on Mr. O. Kavala:* Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European

Economic Area; as well as Armenia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1465/19),
Switzerland (PC.DEL/1461/19 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1452/19 OSCE+)

Agenda item 12: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the winter recess from 23 December 2019 to 7 January 2020:
Chairperson

Agenda item 13: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Head
of Conference and Language Services*

Agenda item 14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell statement by the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship: Chairperson, Albania*
- (b) *Reforms in Uzbekistan and forthcoming parliamentary elections, to be held on
22 December 2019: Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/1443/19)*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1359
19 December 2019

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1253rd Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1253, Agenda item 4

**DECISION No. 1359
EXTENSION OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF OSCE OBSERVERS TO
TWO RUSSIAN CHECKPOINTS ON THE
RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN BORDER**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 1130 of 24 July 2014 on the deployment of OSCE observers to two Russian checkpoints on the Russian-Ukrainian border (PC.DEC/1130),

Decides:

1. To extend the mandate of the deployment of OSCE observers to the two Russian border checkpoints of Donetsk and Gukovo on the Russian-Ukrainian border until 31 May 2020;
2. To approve the arrangements and the financial and human resources for the Observer Mission as contained in document PC.ACMF/94/19 of 11 December 2019. In this respect, authorizes the use of 468,000 euros from the 2018 cash surplus to fund the proposed budget for the duration of the mandate to 31 May 2020.

**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 Finland, 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 decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the deployment of OSCE observers to two Russian checkpoints on the Russian-Ukrainian border, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

The European Union’s views on the vital importance of the monitoring of the Ukrainian-Russian State border are well known. Effective and comprehensive monitoring of this border is an integral part of a sustainable political solution in line with OSCE principles and commitments, which re-establishes full Ukrainian control over its sovereign territory, including the border. We recall that the Minsk Protocol calls for permanent monitoring of the border and verification by the OSCE and that the Minsk Package of Measures includes a commitment to reinstate full Ukrainian control over its entire international border.

The OSCE Observer Mission’s currently very limited mandate and its small size does not provide for a comprehensive border monitoring. We therefore reiterate our call for a significant expansion of the Observer Mission to all border crossings on the Russian-Ukrainian State border currently not under control of the Ukrainian Government as well as monitoring between these border crossings. This should be supported and co-ordinated with border monitoring on the Ukrainian side of the border by the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) and we reiterate the need for the SMM to be assured safe and unhindered access to all parts of the border currently not under Ukrainian Government control since border and ceasefire monitoring are very closely interlinked. Further, we underline the need for sufficient equipment and sufficient freedom of movement for the Observer Mission at the current crossing stations in order to monitor movements on the border more effectively.

We do not see any grounds for the Russian Federation’s continued resistance to the long overdue expansion of the Observer Mission, including the improvement of its equipment and urge it to reconsider its position.

We welcome the mandate extension by four months, and would support an extension to a longer period of time increasing the Mission’s continuity and consistency.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.”

The candidate countries the Republic of North Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and San Marino align themselves with this statement.

1 The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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Attachment 2

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**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:

“The Russian Federation joined the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the team of OSCE observers at the two Russian checkpoints of Gukovo and Donetsk on the Russian-Ukrainian border for four months (until 31 May 2020), viewing the work of this team as a voluntary confidence-building measure outside the context of the fulfilment by the parties to the internal Ukrainian crisis – the Ukrainian Government, Donetsk and Luhansk – of their commitments to reach a settlement.

We reaffirm the immutability of the mandate and the places of work of the team, which were clearly laid down in Permanent Council Decision No. 1130 of 24 July 2014. This decision was based on the invitation on the part of the Russian Federation of 14 July 2014 made in the wake of the Berlin Declaration of the Foreign Ministers of Russia, Germany, France and Ukraine of 2 July 2014. The organizational modalities of their work, which are laid down in the mandate of the team of OSCE observers, do not provide for functional co-operation with OSCE field operations in other States.

The Minsk Protocol of 5 September 2014 in no way mentions the deployment of OSCE observers on the Russian side of the border with Ukraine. Nor is there any reference to this in the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements adopted on 12 February 2015 and subsequently endorsed by United Nations Security Council resolution 2202. The decision to allow OSCE observers on Russian territory and Ukrainian border guards and customs officers to be present at Russian checkpoints is solely a goodwill gesture on Russia’s part.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of the day.”

**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:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

In connection with the adoption of the decision for the extension of deployment of OSCE observers to two Russian checkpoints on the Russian-Ukrainian border, the United States would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States finds it deeply regrettable that Russia continues to block the expansion of the geographic scope of the Observer Mission, despite the clear, strong, and continued support from other participating States to do so. We once again must accept an inadequate, limited-scope mission covering just two border checkpoints, which together account for only a few hundred metres of the 2,300 kilometre Ukrainian-Russian border, much of which Ukraine does not control.

Due to Russia’s unwarranted restrictions of the border Observer Mission’s work, the Mission fails to ascertain the full extent to which Russia participates in or facilitates the flow of arms, funding, and personnel to support its proxies in eastern Ukraine.

We note that Point IV of the Minsk Protocol delineates a clear role for the OSCE to monitor and verify both sides of the Ukrainian-Russian international border, and to create a security zone in the border areas of Russia and Ukraine. There are strong linkages between ceasefire monitoring and border monitoring, and it is to the detriment of all efforts to resolve the conflict that the OSCE approach to these activities has been impeded by one participating State. Russia’s repeated refusal to allow expansion of the scope of this mission demonstrates, regrettably, once again, Moscow’s unwillingness to take its Minsk commitments seriously.

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

Thank you.”

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Attachment 4

Original: ENGLISH

**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,

In connection with the decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the deployment of OSCE observers to two Russian checkpoints on the Russian-Ukrainian border, Canada would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Canada strongly believes that a comprehensive and substantial OSCE Observer Mission mandate should include the Russian side of the border adjacent to the Russia-occupied parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine. The request for expanding the mandate to all sections of the border that are currently not under control of the Ukrainian authorities has been reiterated several times by participating States, with the exception of one. We regret that the Russian Federation continues to resist an expanded geographical mandate and much needed equipment for the OSCE border observation mission.

As ceasefire and border monitoring are closely interlinked, Canada reiterates the call to allow OSCE monitors the necessary freedom of movement for the implementation of their mandate, provide to the SMM safe and unhindered access to all parts of the border currently not under Ukrainian Government control and grant the Observer Mission access to the current crossing stations to monitor movements more effectively. We urge the Russian Federation, as part of its Minsk Protocol commitments, to lift all restrictions, which undermine the efficiency of the Mission’s monitoring in ‘Gukovo’ and ‘Donetsk’ checkpoints.

Canada requests that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”

**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 Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the deployment of OSCE observers to two Russian checkpoints on the Russian-Ukrainian border, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following 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 Ukraine consistently reiterates the importance of having a substantial and broad OSCE monitoring on the Russian side of the Ukrainian-Russian border adjacent to the Russia-occupied parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine. We urge the Russian Federation to lift all restrictions which undermine efficiency of the Mission’s monitoring in ‘Gukovo’ and ‘Donetsk’ checkpoints.

Having signed the Minsk Protocol of 5 September 2014, the Russian Federation, committed to ensure permanent monitoring of the Ukrainian-Russian State border and verification by the OSCE with the establishment of a security zone in the border areas of Ukraine and the Russian Federation. As a part of the implementation of this provision, the mandate of the OSCE Observer Mission at the Russian border checkpoints ‘Gukovo’ and ‘Donetsk’ must be expanded. This will greatly contribute to sustainable de-escalation and peaceful resolution of the situation in the Donbas region of Ukraine.

We reiterate our call to the Russian Federation to allow expansion of the mandate of the border Observer Mission to all sections of the border that are temporarily not under control of the Ukrainian authorities. We deeply regret that until now the Russian Federation continues to strongly resist it. Such persistent reluctance on the part of Russia can be attributed only to its unchanged intention to continue intervention in Ukraine’s Donbas, including by sending heavy weapons, military equipment, regular troops, fighters and mercenaries, sponsoring the terrorist activities in the territory of Ukraine. We continue to urge Russia to cease immediately these internationally wrongful acts.

In this connection, the delegation of Ukraine recalls that Russia has not responded to numerous requests for explanations regarding the OSCE SMM’s reported presence in the

occupied parts of Donbas of modern Russian weapons and military equipment including the jamming system R-330 'Zhitel'.

We call upon the Russian Federation to demonstrate its full commitment to the implementation of the Minsk arrangements in good faith and to allow proper and comprehensive permanent monitoring by the OSCE on the Russian side of the Ukrainian-Russian State border adjacent to the temporarily occupied areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions with establishment of a security zone in border areas of Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to the decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
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**DECISION No. 1360
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN BISHKEK**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek until
31 December 2020.



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Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1361
19 December 2019

Original: ENGLISH

1253rd Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1253, Agenda item 6

**DECISION No. 1361
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina until 31 December 2020.



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1362
19 December 2019

Original: ENGLISH

1253rd Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1253, Agenda item 7

**DECISION No. 1362
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 2020.



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Permanent Council**

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19 December 2019

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**DECISION No. 1363
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

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 2020.

PC.DEC/1363
19 December 2019
Attachment 1

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**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 Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the Russian Federation takes the position that the geographical area of activity of the office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator will fully reflect the political and legal realities existing since 21 March 2014 as a result of the fact that the Republic of Crimea and the federal city of Sevastopol are integral parts of the territory of the Russian Federation. Consequently, the Co-ordinator’s activities, including project activities, do not apply to these constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of the day.”

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Attachment 2

Original: ENGLISH

**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:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

In connection with the adoption of the decision for the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the United States would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States notes that Crimea remains an integral and internationally recognized part of Ukraine, despite Russia’s ongoing occupation and attempted annexation. The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

PC.DEC/1363
19 December 2019
Attachment 3

Original: ENGLISH

**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 Turkey:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

‘Turkey reiterates that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea, which Turkey continues to regard as part of Ukraine.’

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

Thank you.”

**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 Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which are an integral part of Ukraine, were illegally occupied and subjected to attempted annexation by the Russian Federation in violation of the OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders are safeguarded by the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine and norms of international law. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders was reconfirmed by the UN General Assembly resolutions 68/262 ‘Territorial integrity of Ukraine’ of 27 March 2014, 71/205 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)’ of 19 December 2016, 72/190 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 19 December 2017, 73/263 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 22 December 2018 as well as resolution ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ adopted on 18 December 2019.

Ukraine stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine extends to the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to this decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

**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 Finland, 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 Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

The European Union stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.”

The candidate countries the Republic of North Macedonia¹ and Albania¹, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this statement.

1 The Republic of North Macedonia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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Attachment 6

Original: ENGLISH

**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,

Canada wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure in connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea. In this context, we wish to reiterate our full support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. Canada has not and will not recognize the illegal annexation of Ukraine’s Autonomous Republic of Crimea by the Russian Federation.

Canada requests that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1364
19 December 2019

Original: ENGLISH

1253rd Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1253, Agenda item 9

**DECISION No. 1364
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN NUR-SULTAN**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan until 31 December 2020.

PC.DEC/1364
19 December 2019
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 Kazakhstan:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

In connection with the adoption of the decision for the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan until 31 December 2020, the delegation of Kazakhstan would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

We emphasize the importance of the work within the mandate of the Programme Office and its close co-operation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan.

We underline the need for proper evaluation of the work of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan in order to streamline priority areas of co-operation in all three dimensions. We reiterate our interest in the work of the OSCE with the focus on regional and subregional projects.

In this connection, as a matter of principle, we would like to bring up Article 41 of the Charter for European Security, which states: ‘The host country of an OSCE field operation should, when appropriate, be assisted in building its own capacity and expertise within the area of responsibility. This would facilitate an efficient transfer of the tasks of the operation to the host country, and consequently the closure of the field operation.’

In the meantime, as is well known, for the past three years, Kazakhstan has been consistently promoting the establishment of the Thematic Centre on Sustainable Connectivity, meant to serve the entire OSCE area. We are glad to have found considerable interest in, and support for, this proposal from a good number of the participating States.

This new entity, representing a new step in the development of the OSCE as an organization, will focus on projects in the areas of good governance, green economy, disaster prevention, energy security, trade promotion and transportation by facilitating exchanges of best practices, analytical and research work.

The results of the feasibility study on the establishment of OSCE thematic hubs or centres for analysis and research in the second dimension allow establishing the Thematic Centre by adopting a relevant Permanent Council decision.

To ensure the sustainability of the Thematic Centre's work, it should be funded from the OSCE Unified Budget, starting from the 2020 budget cycle. Kazakhstan is ready to provide in-kind contribution by offering office space as well as to second personnel.

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

I thank you.”



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EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
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The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe until
31 December 2020.