

Chairmanship: Finland

745th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 18 December 2008

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Audit Committee Chair, France-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1080/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1090/08 OSCE+), Representative of the Audit Committee

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 878 (PC.DEC/878), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku.

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Chairperson

alignment) (PC.DEL/1079/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/1082/08), Moldova

- (c) *Freedom of assembly in the Russian Federation*: France-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1081/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/1083/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1088/08 OSCE+)
- (d) *Search of the St. Petersburg premises of the organization Memorial*: Norway, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1087/08 OSCE+)
- (e) *Parliamentary elections in Turkmenistan, held on 14 December 2008*: Turkmenistan, France-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area in alignment) (PC.DEL/1089/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/1084/08)
- (f) *Human rights situation in Belarus*: United States of America (PC.DEL/1085/08), Belarus

Agenda item 8: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/190/08)*: Chairperson
- (b) *Appointments of the Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje and the Head of OSCE Centre in Ashgabad*: Chairperson
- (c) *Renewal of the appointment of the Head of the OSCE Office in Minsk*:
Chairperson
- (d) *Update on consultations regarding the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia*: Chairperson

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Outstanding adoption of the Unified Budget for 2009*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/239/08 OSCE+)
- (b) *Launch of a tender for the elimination of melange stockpiles in Ukraine*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/239/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Montenegro (PC.DEL/1093/08 OSCE+)
- (b) *Farewell of the Finnish Chairmanship*: Chairperson, Greece, Secretariat
- (c) *Organizational matters*: France-European Union

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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**DECISION No. 878
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku until 31 December 2009.



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**DECISION No. 879
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan until
31 December 2009.



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**DECISION No. 880
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE OFFICE IN ZAGREB**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Zagreb until
31 December 2009.

Without setting a precedent a further extension of this mandate, or its completion, will
be considered at the end of 2009 in the light of progress made by the Government of Croatia
on all mandate-related tasks.

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Attachment

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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 Serbia:

“The Republic of Serbia deeply believes that the role of the OSCE field presences in South-Eastern Europe and the assistance they provide in implementing the principles, standards and commitments of the OSCE are of essential importance for the progress of the region as a whole. We believe, as well, that for issues that are of regional character, regional solutions have to be found.

The mandate of the OSCE Office in Zagreb envisages that the office “will co-operate with regional and international partners”. In this sense, we hold it indispensable that the Office continues its co-operation, in particular with the European Union and the UNHCR, pertaining to issues for which there have been achieved no sustainable solutions on a regional level, and which are related in particular to problems addressed in the Sarajevo Declaration.

The issue of occupancy or tenancy rights (OTR) of Croatian citizens — Serbian refugees from Croatia — has, despite all efforts, not been solved. Experience has shown that the Housing Care Programme, offered by the Government of Croatia, can not be a substitute for the solution of the OTR issues. To achieve durable solutions, it is necessary to reconstitute all the rights of the refugees in the countries of origin or to offer an adequate compensation were return is not possible any more.

Croatian citizens — Serbian refugees from Croatia — are still facing a number of problems as are, for example, unpaid pensions for the period of 1991 to 1998, participation in the privatization process in Croatia, rejection of the requests for the reconstruction of houses (about 7500 requests are under appellate proceedings and wait to be solved), unresolved issues of occupied agricultural land, the lack of communal, economic and social infrastructure in settlements to which people return, and the structure and identity of the users of the Housing Care Programme (comprising about 5300 residential units).

The Republic of Serbia, on its part, brings efforts and resources to finding durable solutions for the refugee problem, but the responsibility has to be borne by the state of origin of the refugees. This relates also to the implementation of the solution pertaining to the convalidation of working years of refugees.

We firmly believe that the assistance of the international community and talks within multilateral frameworks are indispensable for the solution of the above mentioned issues.

We hold it necessary, as well, that the OSCE Office in Zagreb, in accordance with its mandate, closely cooperates with the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY in order to enable the Tribunal full access to the archives and documents needed by the prosecution for the main proceedings.

The Republic of Serbia joined the consensus regarding the decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Zagreb, understanding that the office will continue to be actively engaged in the tasks defined in the mandate until the mandate is fully implemented.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting of the Permanent Council.”



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**DECISION No. 881
EXTENSION OF THE APPLICATION OF
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DECISION No. 17/06**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/06, of 5 December 2006, on the improvement of the consultative process,

Having reviewed the application of the provisions of the aforementioned Ministerial Council Decision concerning the performance of the Security Committee, the Economic and Environmental Committee, and the Human Dimension Committee during 2007 and 2008,

Welcoming the experience gained from the new structure of the consultative process established with a view to improving consultations and dialogue, also with a view to preparing debates, conclusions and decisions in the Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the application of Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/06 for a period of one year from 1 January 2009, and to review its possible extension at the end of 2009.



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**DECISION No. 882
REVISION OF THE 2008 UNIFIED BUDGET**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 839 of 7 March 2008 on the approval of the 2008 Unified Budget,

Taking note of the budget revision proposed in documents PC.ACMF/77/08 and PC.ACMF/78/08/Rev.1 of 5 December 2008,

Approves the budget revision as contained in the attached annex.

REVISION OF THE 2008 UNIFIED BUDGET

Fund	Approved	Transfers	Revised	Budget	Proposed
Main Programme	Budget	as per	Budget	Revision	Revised
Programme		Fin. Reg.	after	Increases/	Budget
		3.02 (b)	Transfers	(Decreases)	
The Secretariat					
Secretary General and Central Services					
Executive Management	1,105,900	-	1,105,900	-	1,105,900
Security Management	411,100	-	411,100	-	411,100
External Co-operation	663,100	-	663,100	12,000	675,100
Legal Services	494,600	-	494,600	20,000	514,600
Press and Public Information	1,109,700	-	1,109,700	80,000	1,189,700
Gender Issues	276,200	-	276,200	-	276,200
Total	4,060,600	-	4,060,600	112,000	4,172,600
Chairman-in-Office					
Short Term Mission/Visits of CiO and PR of the CiO	300,000	-	300,000	-	300,000
Advisory Committee on Management and Finance (ACMF)	15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000
Panel of Adjudicators	40,000	-	40,000	-	40,000
Audit Committee	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000
External Auditors	100,000	-	100,000	-	100,000
Total	505,000	-	505,000	-	505,000
Internal Oversight					
Internal Oversight	1,290,800	-	1,290,800	(60,000)	1,230,800
Total	1,290,800	-	1,290,800	(60,000)	1,230,800
Strategic Police Matters					
Strategic Police Matters Unit	917,900	-	917,900	(77,000)	840,900
Total	917,900	-	917,900	(77,000)	840,900

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Office of the Special Representative/Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings					
Office of the Special Representative/Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings	749,900	-	749,900	70,000	819,900
Total	749,900	-	749,900	70,000	819,900
Action against Terrorism Unit					
Action against Terrorism	781,800	-	781,800	(45,000)	736,800
Total	781,800	-	781,800	(45,000)	736,800
Activities Relating to the Economic and Environmental Aspects of Security					
Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities	1,409,900	-	1,409,900	-	1,409,900
Economic and Environmental Forum	473,400	-	473,400	-	473,400
Total	1,883,300	-	1,883,300	-	1,883,300
Conflict Prevention					
CPC Direction and Management	379,000	12,000	391,000	-	391,000
Policy Support Service	850,800	10,000	860,800	-	860,800
Operations Service	1,016,700	-	1,016,700	-	1,016,700
Programming and Evaluation Support Unit	260,500	-	260,500	-	260,500
FSC Chairmanship	32,100	-	32,100	-	32,100
FSC Support	577,000	20,000	597,000	-	597,000
Communications Network	560,100	(42,000)	518,100	-	518,100
Total	3,676,200	-	3,676,200	-	3,676,200

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Human Resources					
Management					
HR Direction and Management	365,800	36,500	402,300	-	402,300
Personnel Management	972,700	-	972,700	-	972,700
Recruitment	681,200	(36,500)	644,700	-	644,700
Training Section	1,061,400	-	1,061,400	-	1,061,400
Total	3,081,100	-	3,081,100	-	3,081,100
Department of Management and Finance					
Conference and Language Services	5,144,800	-	5,144,800	-	5,144,800
DMF Direction and Management	314,600	-	314,600	-	314,600
Financial Compliance, Systems and Support	431,400	-	431,400	-	431,400
Finance Services	1,174,900	-	1,174,900	-	1,174,900
Information and Communication Technology Services	2,731,400	-	2,731,400	-	2,731,400
Mission Support Service	1,391,400	-	1,391,400	-	1,391,400
Secretariat Common Operational Costs	3,113,700	-	3,113,700	-	3,113,700
Prague Office	368,300	-	368,300	-	368,300
Total	14,670,500	-	14,670,500	-	14,670,500
Total for the Secretariat	31,617,100	-	31,617,100	-	31,617,100
Mission in Kosovo					
Office of Head of Mission	4,117,400	-	4,117,400	-	4,117,400
Fund Administration Unit	4,177,100	-	4,177,100	-	4,177,100
Common Operational Costs	5,878,300	-	5,878,300	(50,000)	5,828,300
Security and Public Safety	2,121,200	-	2,121,200	-	2,121,200
Assistance Programme	5,367,700	-	5,367,700	-	5,367,700
Monitoring Programme	8,398,600	-	8,398,600	-	8,398,600
Total	30,060,300	-	30,060,300	(50,000)	30,010,300
Office in Yerevan					
Office of Head of Mission	270,700	(14,000)	256,700	1,500	258,200
Fund Administration Unit	181,800	(6,000)	175,800	500	176,300

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Common Operational Costs	340,900	30,000	370,900	3,700	374,600
Politico-Military Activities	472,600	(45,400)	427,200	800	428,000
Economic and Environmental Activities	432,000	-	432,000	18,900	450,900
Democratization	247,800	18,400	266,200	9,900	276,100
Human Rights	200,500	6,000	206,500	10,900	217,400
Good Governance	326,900	11,000	337,900	3,800	341,700
Total	2,473,200	-	2,473,200	50,000	2,523,200