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DECISION No. 523
BORDER MONITORING OPERATION OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

The Permanent Council,

Taking note of the fifth statement of the Tenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council, at Porto,

Recalling its Decision No. 334, of 15 December 1999, on the expansion of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia to observe and report on movement across the border between Georgia and the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation, as well as its Decision No. 450, of 13 December 2001, on geographical expansion of the Border Monitoring Operation,

Taking note of the assurances given by the Georgian Government that it will provide security for the OSCE border monitors involved in this operation and ensure their freedom of movement and considering that these assurances are an indispensable element of the present decision,

Decides to enhance the operational efficiency of the Border Monitoring Operation (BMO) of the OSCE Mission to Georgia within the existing Area of Operation in accordance with the Plan for the enhancement of the Border Monitoring Operation efficiency on the Ingush and Chechen segments of the Georgian-Russian border distributed on 11 November 2002 (CIO.GAL/92/02), which is to be implemented with immediate effect using the resources identified in the 2002 budget of the OSCE Mission to Georgia;

Decides to further expand, as of 1 January 2003, the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia to include observation and reporting on movement across the border between Georgia and the Dagestan Republic of the Russian Federation, both by vehicle and on foot, and for this purpose to increase the present size of the Border Monitoring Operation of the Mission up to 111 international personnel during the winter period and up to 144 during the summer period. Expenses related to this expansion should be financed from the budget allocations approved for this purpose in the 2003 Unified Budget;

Decides to extend the mandate of the Border Monitoring Operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia until 30 June 2003, by which time a review should be conducted of the implementation of this decision, in the Permanent Council.