

**Chairmanship: Albania**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
(1292nd Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Tuesday, 1 December 2020 (via video teleconference)

Opened: 9.20 p.m.

Closed: 9.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Hasani

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS  
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1384 (PC.DEC/1384) on forwarding of draft documents to the Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Spain (Annex), Chairperson, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN**

Mr. Chairperson,

As you know, Spain responded positively to the request made by the Chairperson-in-Office of 8 June 2020, supporting the Chairmanship's efforts to achieve consensus.

After consensus proved to be impossible, Spain responded to the call by the Chairmanship of 10 July 2020 for the nomination of candidates for the position of Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) by proposing Ambassador José María Ridaó, as a sign of Spain's full commitment to active and effective multilateralism and in particular to the OSCE. We are convinced that with his experience in management and multilateral diplomacy, as well as his knowledge of the ODIHR's areas of work, Ambassador Ridaó would make an excellent Director.

We take note of the lengthy consultation process that has taken place. For the common good of the Organization and in order not to leave the four principal bodies without leadership any longer, Spain is ready to join the consensus around the four candidates you have proposed.

However, Spain is deeply disappointed that the principles governing the appointment of the ODIHR Director, as set out in Section I, sub-section H, paragraph 1, of the [Supplementary document to give effect to certain provisions contained in the] 1990 Charter of Paris for a New Europe, in connection with the relevant provisions of the 1992 Helsinki Document and the decision adopted by the Ministerial Council at its second meeting in Prague in 1992, have not been applied. In particular, Spain deeply regrets that the principle of rotation enshrined in them has not been respected.

Spain will remain vigilant to ensure that this does not happen again in the future and that the principles are applied.

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



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**DECISION No. 1384  
FORWARDING OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS  
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to request the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson of the Ministerial Council the following documents:

- Draft decision on the appointment of the OSCE Secretary General (MC.DD/29/20);
- Draft decision on the appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (MC.DD/30/20);
- Draft decision on the appointment of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (MC.DD/31/20);
- Draft decision on the appointment of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (MC.DD/32/20);

Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of the above-mentioned documents.