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**Bulgarian Chairmanship****SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL/Corrected reissue\*  
(512th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Tuesday, 29 June 2004

Opened: 3.10 p.m.

Closed: 5.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairman-in-Office, by a letter issued on 25 June 2004 (see Annex 1 to the journal), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of the Ministerial Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (see MC.DEC/1/04, the text of which is appended to this journal).

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in South Ossetia, Georgia:* Ireland-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/600/04), Georgia

(b) *Presidential elections in Serbia, Serbia and Montenegro, held on 27 June 2004:* Ireland-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/601/04), United States of America, Switzerland, Norway, Serbia and Montenegro

(c) *Case of the Belarusian Helsinki Committee:* Ireland-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/602/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/605/04), Belarus

(d) *Activities of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/606/04), Russian Federation

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\* Incorporates corrections to the translation of the interpretative statement attached to PC Decision No. 614.

- (e) *Congress of the Otan party and political reforms in Kazakhstan: Kazakhstan*

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/20/04 Restr.), Ireland-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/598/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/607/04), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/597/04), Norway, Ukraine, Moldova (PC.DEL/596/04), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/19/04 Restr.), Ireland-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/599/04), United States of America, Canada, Switzerland, Norway, Russian Federation, Albania, Serbia and Montenegro, Secretary General, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE BORDER MONITORING OPERATION OF THE OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 614 (PC.DEC/614), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the Border Monitoring Operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia.

Russian Federation, Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision), Ireland-European Union, Georgia (see Annex 2 to the journal)

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 615 (PC.DEC/615), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE 2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 616 (PC.DEC/616), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2004 supplementary budget for the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

Agenda item 7:       REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
                          CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a)    *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Moldova on 21 and 22 June 2004:*  
Chairperson
- (b)    *Address of the Chairman-in-Office to the opening session of the 2004 Annual  
Security Review Conference on 23 June 2004:* Chairperson

Agenda item 8:       REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)    *Bilateral meetings with United Nations high officials, held in New York on  
21 and 22 June 2004:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/151/04 Restr.)
- (b)    *Annual Heads of Mission meeting, held in Vienna on 28 and 29 June 2004:*  
Secretary General
- (c)    *2004 Annual Security Review Conference:* Secretary General
- (d)    *OSCE-South-East Europe Regional Cross-Border Programme:*  
Secretary General
- (e)    *Opening of the Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure of the Shanghai  
Co-operation Organization, held in Tashkent on 17 June 2004:*  
Secretary General

Agenda item 9:       ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)    *Distribution of a written report on the visit of OSCE delegations to Moldova  
(PC.DEL/603/04 Restr.):* Chairperson
- (b)    *Distribution of a draft Permanent Council decision on projects to assist  
Belarus to resolve small arms and light weapons problems:* Chairperson
- (c)    *Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in  
Edinburgh from 5 to 9 July 2004:* Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary  
Assembly
- (d)    *Presidential and parliamentary elections, to be held in Romania on  
28 November 2004:* Romania
- (e)    *Handover of the Presidency of the European Union:* Ireland, Chairperson
- (f)    *Organizational matters:* Chairperson

4.    Next meeting:

Thursday, 1 July 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**512th Plenary Meeting**  
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## **LETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE**

To the Ministers of Foreign Affairs  
of the OSCE participating States

Sofia, 25 June 2004

Dear Colleague,

In my capacity as Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, I have the honour of informing you that the silence procedure for the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, expiring at 12 noon CET on 25 June 2004, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the Journal of the Twelfth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the Journal of the nearest — 512th — meeting of the Permanent Council on 29 June 2004.

Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to make an interpretative statement or a formal reservation under Paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations (1973) are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the 512th meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Solomon Passy  
Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria



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**512th Plenary Meeting**

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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GEORGIA**

Mr. Chairman,

My Delegation has more than once reiterated its position with regard to the Border Monitoring Operation (BMO) along the Georgian-Russian border. Let me once again express our firm support for this serious endeavour and thank the OSCE for its continued commitment to establishing lasting peace and stability in Georgia and in the region as a whole.

The BMO has played a key role in mitigating tensions at the Chechen segment of the Georgian-Russian border and has prevented the spillover of conflict into the territory of my country. The BMO has clearly contributed to the establishment of fruitful and constructive relations between the border services of the Russian Federation and those of Georgia and has rendered substantial assistance to the Georgian border guards.

At a time of heightened tension on the Georgian-Russian border, the OSCE BMO has played a central role in keeping the international community posted on the real situation in the area, and is largely considered a success. More to the point, we see the BMO as a unique initiative in the whole OSCE area and believe that its effective realization may serve as a tool for solving problems concerning international borders. We cannot accept the blunt criticism of some addressed to the BMO. During the month of June of this year alone (1, 2, 12, 13, 14 and 23), the BMO registered six cases of illegal movement by camouflaged persons. On 7 June the BMO registered the violation of Georgian airspace by an unidentified helicopter. All this clearly indicates the effectiveness of the ongoing operation. It is no surprise that an operation of such magnitude may have certain shortcomings, but we are strongly confident that on the whole the BMO has made a serious contribution to the restoration of stability in the region. We tend to believe that in close co-operation with international experts, the Georgian side could work out some alternative options to the adapted mandate of the Operation and submit them for consideration.

Proceeding from the above-mentioned we give our full support to the extension of its mandate for six months and once again would like to thank the Organization for this important initiative.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, I would be grateful if you would kindly have the text of this statement attached to the Journal of the Day.

Thank you.



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

MC.DEC/1/04  
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**DECISION No. 1/04  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling the decision of the CSCE Helsinki Summit 1992 to establish a High Commissioner on National Minorities,

Considering that, according to Decision No. 2 of the Eighth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the mandate of Mr. Rolf Ekéus as OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities expires on 30 June 2004,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of Mr. Rolf Ekéus as OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities for a period of three years with effect from 1 July 2004.



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Permanent Council**

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**512th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 614/Corrected reissue\*  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
BORDER MONITORING OPERATION OF THE  
OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 586 of 18 December 2003, concerning the extension of the mandate of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia,

Further recalling the report pursuant to Decision No. 586 of the Permanent Council of 18 December 2003, on the activities of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia, its Decision No. 590 of 24 December 2003 on the 2004 Unified Budget, in which funds for the operations of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia were allocated for the whole of 2004, as well as the different views on the activities of the ongoing operation expressed in the Preparatory Committee meeting on 15 June 2004,

Decides to extend the mandate of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia until 31 December 2004.

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\* Incorporates corrections to the translation of the interpretative statement attached to this decision.

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Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 79  
(CHAPTER 6) OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS/Corrected reissue\***

By the Delegation of the Russian Federation:

“The Russian delegation has joined the consensus with regard to the decision adopted by the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE monitoring operation on the Georgian-Russian border until 31 December 2004 on the understanding that this is the last decision of this kind and that as of 1 January 2005 the OSCE monitoring operation on the Georgian-Russian border will cease. The Russian Federation takes this position, first and foremost, in the light of the radically new conditions that have arisen in this region in comparison to 1999 when the operation was begun. The qualitative improvement of the situation on the Georgian-Russian border, positive developments in the normalization of the situation in the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation and substantial progress in the strengthening of co-operation between the Russian and Georgian border services make it possible to find an effective solution to the problem of guarding this segment of the State border using Russia’s and Georgia’s own forces, without the involvement of the OSCE. Moreover, the practical gain from the monitoring has been negligible, something to which the Russian delegation has repeatedly drawn attention over the last few years. All these factors make the further continuation of this operation inappropriate.

In view of the fact that the closure of OSCE field operations requires a certain amount of time and the adoption of relevant administrative and financial decisions, we trust that the Secretariat, together with the OSCE Mission to Georgia, will begin work without delay on the elaboration of the necessary proposals for the financial and operational modalities for termination of the operation at the start of the winter session and its subsequent complete closure as of 1 January 2005.

We request that this statement be attached to the decision adopted and the Journal of the day.”

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\* Incorporates corrections to the translation of this interpretative statement.



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PC Journal No. 512, Agenda item 5

**DECISION No. 615  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 581 of 18 December 2003,

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 31 December 2004.



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**512th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 616  
2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE  
OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 590 of 24 December 2003 on the year 2004 Unified Budget,

Takes note of the supplementary budget proposal proposed under  
PC.ACMF/48/04/Rev.1 of 4 June 2004;

Approves the supplementary budget in the amount of EUR 473,600 under the  
Operational Costs Cost Category as contained in the attached Annex, bringing the total  
Unified Budget to the amount of EUR 180,785,700;

Determines that this supplementary budget shall, in principle, be financed from the  
savings and reallocations, to the extent possible, from the Secretariat and/or Institutions, such  
as they may be identified in the Mid-Year Review and/or the Year-End Review of the 2004  
Unified Budget;

In order to ensure more cost-effective use of the financial, human and material  
resources, calls upon the ODIHR to make recommendations for the prioritization of its  
activities in the context of the 2005 Unified Budget discussions.

## OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

### Financial Resources Requirements

(in euros)

Main Programme Programme	2004 Budget	Supplementary budget proposal	2004 Revised budget	Variance percentage	Percentage of total
Direction and Policy	1,536,700	35,000	1,571,700	2	14
Fund Administration Unit	2,342,500	0	2,342,500	0	21
Elections	3,930,900	55,000	3,985,900	1	37
Democratization	1,249,900	150,000	1,399,900	12	13
Roma and Sinti Issues	310,100	38,600	348,700	13	3
Human Rights	795,600	195,000	990,600	25	9
<b>TOTAL FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>10,165,700</b>	<b>473,600</b>	<b>10,639,300</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Augmentations</b>	<b>263,700</b>		<b>263,700</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL FUND RESOURCES</b>	<b>10,429,400</b>	<b>473,600</b>	<b>10,903,000</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100</b>