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**DECISION No. 704
THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2005-2007**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Helsinki Summit Decision XII (the Helsinki Document 1992), Copenhagen Ministerial Council Decision No. 8 (MC(6).DEC/8) and Vienna Ministerial Council Decision No. 6 (MC(8).DEC/6), on reviewing the OSCE scales of assessments and criteria for financing OSCE activities,

Recalling the Istanbul Summit Declaration (paragraph 44) and relevant decisions of the OSCE Permanent Council, in particular Permanent Council Decisions Nos. 408 of 5 April 2001 and 468 of 11 April 2002, as well as 671 of 12 May 2005,

Reaffirming the principle that all participating States should in good faith fulfil their financial obligations towards the OSCE, including the settlement of arrears,

1. Approves the attached standard and field operations scales of contributions, which will apply retroactively from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005, and as contained in the annexes, from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 and from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007, respectively;
2. Decides that the scales of contributions for 2008-2010 should be established in accordance with the following criteria:
 - Gradual application of the principle of capacity to pay, based on the United Nations criteria for contributions;
 - Political nature of the Organization;
 - Revised level of the ceiling in the field operations scale for the contribution of any one participating State;
 - A floor for the contribution of any one participating State;
 - Revision of the scales every three years based on the above criteria and the current United Nations adjusted GNP figures.

STANDARD SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2005-2007

Participating State	Standard scale per cent for 2005	Standard scale per cent for 2006	Standard scale per cent for 2007
Albania	0.125	0.125	0.125
Germany	9.35	9.35	9.35
United States of America	11.00	11.00	11.50
Andorra	0.125	0.125	0.125
Armenia	0.05	0.05	0.05
Austria	2.32	2.33	2.51
Azerbaijan	0.05	0.05	0.05
Belarus	0.35	0.31	0.28
Belgium	3.47	3.34	3.24
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.125	0.125	0.125
Bulgaria	0.55	0.55	0.55
Canada	5.45	5.53	5.53
Cyprus	0.19	0.19	0.19
Croatia	0.19	0.19	0.19
Denmark	2.05	2.02	2.10
Spain	4.48	4.58	4.58
Estonia	0.19	0.19	0.19
Finland	1.97	1.92	1.85
France	9.35	9.35	9.35
Georgia	0.05	0.05	0.05
United Kingdom	9.35	9.35	9.35
Greece	0.95	0.98	0.98
Hungary	0.65	0.60	0.60
Ireland	0.70	0.75	0.75
Iceland	0.19	0.19	0.19
Italy	9.35	9.35	9.35
Kazakhstan	0.37	0.36	0.36
Kyrgyzstan	0.05	0.05	0.05
Latvia	0.19	0.19	0.19
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.125	0.125	0.125
Liechtenstein	0.125	0.125	0.125
Lithuania	0.19	0.19	0.19

Participating State	Standard scale per cent for 2005	Standard scale per cent for 2006	Standard scale per cent for 2007
Luxembourg	0.50	0.47	0.47
Malta	0.125	0.125	0.125
Moldova	0.05	0.05	0.05
Monaco	0.125	0.125	0.125
Norway	2.20	2.15	2.05
Uzbekistan	0.35	0.35	0.35
Netherlands	3.95	4.16	4.36
Poland	1.39	1.34	1.35
Portugal	0.92	0.98	0.98
Romania	0.62	0.60	0.60
Russian Federation	6.62	6.50	6.00
San Marino	0.125	0.125	0.125
Holy See	0.125	0.125	0.125
Serbia and Montenegro	0.19	0.19	0.19
Slovakia	0.305	0.28	0.28
Slovenia	0.20	0.20	0.22
Sweden	3.48	3.37	3.24
Switzerland	2.47	2.81	2.81
Tajikistan	0.05	0.05	0.05
Czech Republic	0.65	0.60	0.57
Turkmenistan	0.05	0.05	0.05
Turkey	1.01	1.01	1.01
Ukraine	0.82	0.71	0.68
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

FIELD OPERATIONS SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2005-2007

Participating State	Field operations scale per cent for 2005	Field operations scale per cent for 2006	Field operations scale per cent for 2007
Albania	0.02	0.02	0.02
Germany	11.81	11.98	12.06
United States of America	14.00	14.00	14.00
Andorra	0.02	0.02	0.02
Armenia	0.02	0.02	0.02
Austria	2.28	2.21	2.16
Azerbaijan	0.02	0.02	0.02
Belarus	0.06	0.05	0.04
Belgium	3.79	3.44	3.42
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.02	0.02	0.02
Bulgaria	0.05	0.05	0.05
Canada	5.27	5.27	5.34
Cyprus	0.13	0.11	0.11
Croatia	0.13	0.11	0.11
Denmark	2.22	2.10	2.05
Spain	4.52	4.70	5.00
Estonia	0.02	0.02	0.02
Finland	2.205	1.98	1.98
France	10.66	11.01	11.09
Georgia	0.02	0.02	0.02
United Kingdom	10.70	11.01	11.09
Greece	0.67	0.73	0.73
Hungary	0.42	0.39	0.38
Ireland	0.64	0.69	0.79
Iceland	0.11	0.10	0.09
Italy	10.26	10.71	11.09
Kazakhstan	0.06	0.06	0.06
Kyrgyzstan	0.02	0.02	0.02
Latvia	0.022	0.025	0.025
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.02	0.02	0.02
Liechtenstein	0.02	0.02	0.02
Lithuania	0.025	0.025	0.025

Participating State	Field operations scale per cent for 2005	Field operations scale per cent for 2006	Field operations scale per cent for 2007
Luxembourg	0.27	0.26	0.25
Malta	0.022	0.025	0.025
Moldova	0.02	0.02	0.02
Monaco	0.02	0.02	0.02
Norway	2.15	2.09	2.07
Uzbekistan	0.05	0.05	0.05
Netherlands	3.97	3.94	3.57
Poland	1.02	1.03	1.05
Portugal	0.55	0.56	0.56
Romania	0.10	0.11	0.12
Russian Federation	3.41	3.09	2.50
San Marino	0.02	0.02	0.02
Holy See	0.02	0.02	0.02
Serbia and Montenegro	0.05	0.05	0.04
Slovakia	0.16	0.15	0.15
Slovenia	0.145	0.16	0.175
Sweden	3.78	3.45	3.41
Switzerland	2.59	2.63	2.72
Tajikistan	0.02	0.02	0.02
Czech Republic	0.47	0.45	0.42
Turkmenistan	0.02	0.02	0.02
Turkey	0.75	0.75	0.75
Ukraine	0.16	0.14	0.14
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

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

By the Delegation of the United States of America:

“The United States of America wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations.

We would like to thank the Slovenian and Bulgarian Chairmen-in-Office for their efforts to bring about a just and fair set of scales of contributions for the OSCE for the period from 2005 to 2007. The United States has joined the consensus on the decision to establish revised scales of contributions, as we believe it is extremely important to put the OSCE on a stable financial footing for the next two years. We expect that having these scales in place will facilitate the prompt adoption of the 2006 Unified Budget.

We note that the United States was and will be the single largest contributor to the OSCE. Under the decision on scales adopted today, we will increase our contribution under the Helsinki scale by more than 27 per cent. Our increase is the largest of any individual participating State. Our willingness to bear these increases attests to the significance we attach to the OSCE and its comprehensive approach to the promotion of security, in all three dimensions.

In joining consensus on the scales of contributions for 2005-2007, however, the United States has made no commitment to any further increases in the U.S. contribution beyond this period. Permanent Council Decision No. 408, adopted in 2001, established a 14 per cent ceiling on the Field Operations (Vienna) scale. The logic behind that ceiling remains valid and we see no reason for changing it. Furthermore, in the thirtieth year since the Helsinki Accords were signed, we recall the significance of the concept of shared responsibilities (for both the Helsinki and the Vienna scales), and we intend to participate in fruitful future discussions on that basis. Moreover, it remains our view that all the criteria applied to future discussions on scales remain of equal weight.

The United States requests that this statement be recorded in the journal of the day.”