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DECISION No. 1031 PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAMME "AFGHANISTAN CAPACITY-BUILDING: STRENGTHENING THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE"

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion in the framework of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/11 on strengthening OSCE engagement with Afghanistan, which, *inter alia*, invites OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation to contribute, on a voluntary basis, to the efforts of the OSCE and international community, to promote the long-term security and stability of Afghanistan,

Further recalling that Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/11 also welcomes the use of the Partnership Fund to foster closer relations with Afghanistan and to support increased participation by Afghan representatives in OSCE activities across the three dimensions of security,

Additionally recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 5/11 on Partners for Co-operation,

Welcoming the offer by Mongolia to host a diplomatic training course for diplomats from Afghanistan,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provision of Permanent Council Decision No. 812 of 30 November 2007 on the establishment of a Partnership Fund,

Decides to approve the use of the Partnership Fund to finance the proposed training programme, "Afghanistan Capacity-Building: Strengthening the Diplomatic Service".