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DECISION No. 1051 RECOMMENDATION ON THE ACCESSION OF MONGOLIA TO THE OSCE

The Permanent Council,

- 1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the accession of Mongolia to the OSCE, as contained in document MC.DD/1/12/Rev.2 of 30 October 2012;
- 2. Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 20 November 2012, at midnight CET.

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Spain:

"Mr. Chairperson,

Spain, which strongly supports Mongolia's application to become a participating State, welcomes the decision just adopted by the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the admission of Mongolia to the OSCE, as contained in document MC.DD/1/12/Rev.2 of 30 October 2012, and to recommend that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure.

My delegation has followed with great interest the decision-making process that has taken place and notes the implications in terms of military transparency of the fact that, on this occasion, the zone of application for confidence- and security-building measures of the Vienna Document, as defined in Annex I, shall not extend to the territory of Mongolia.

Spain attaches great importance to the principle of reciprocity in terms of military transparency so that no unbalanced relationships emerge in which some States assume obligations towards other States without a similar relationship in the opposite direction.

Thus, my delegation was initially opposed to the idea of not adhering strictly to the principle of reciprocity in the modalities for the implementation of the commitments set out in the Vienna Document. Nevertheless, on this occasion, we decided not to hinder the rapid decision-making process necessary to welcome Mongolia as soon as possible as a new participating State.

In making this decision, we have taken into account the specific geopolitical features of Mongolia that make this case the exception rather than the rule in the event that in the future other States follow Mongolia's example and seek admission to the OSCE as new participating States. Accordingly, Spain believes that this case should not set a precedent for future cases of other States applying to become participating States of the OSCE.

I would ask that this statement be attached as an annex to this Permanent Council decision.

Thank you very much."