

53rd Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 101**Fund for Voluntary Contributions to support OSCE Action for Peace,
Democracy and Stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

1. The Ministerial Council, having given instructions at its fifth meeting in Budapest on 8 December 1995 concerning the establishment of a budget for OSCE tasks requested by the Parties in the Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, also determined that the OSCE will seek additional, including non-governmental, sources of funding and directed the establishment of a specific fund to assist in the carrying out of its decision on OSCE Action for Peace, Democracy and Stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
2. Pursuant to the above, a Fund for Voluntary Contributions to support OSCE Action for Peace, Democracy and Stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina is established at the OSCE Secretariat in order to receive contributions for OSCE operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Contributions to the Fund may be designated by the donor for a specific purpose or project.
3. Voluntary contributions made to the Start-up Fund established on 13 November 1995, and not intended as advances against future assessments, will be transferred to this Fund for Voluntary Contributions.
4. In consultation with the Head of Mission and taking into account the desires of the contributors, the Chairman-in-Office together with the Troika, or their designated representatives, shall decide on the uses to be made of contributions to the Voluntary Fund.
5. The Secretary General will administer the Fund and is authorized to decide on the acceptability of each individual contribution, subject to the provision that no contribution for a specific purpose or project will be accepted if its purpose is inconsistent with the policies and aims of the OSCE. Voluntary contributions that directly or indirectly involve an immediate or ultimate significant financial liability for the OSCE may be accepted only with the approval of the Permanent Council.
6. The Secretary General will report to the Permanent Council on a half-yearly basis on the status of the Fund, including contributions received and disbursements made.
7. The accounts of the Fund will be included in the annual financial statements of the OSCE and, as such, will be subject to external audit. The technical modalities for the payment of contributions into the Fund are indicated in the Annex.

**Technical Modalities for the Payment of Contributions into the
Fund for Voluntary Contributions to support OSCE Action for Peace,
Democracy and Stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

1. Contributions made to this Fund will be **neither** counted against **nor** deducted from the assessed contributions payable for the budget covering the OSCE tasks under the Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Contributions received will be recorded as voluntary contributions, and the cash will be kept in an interest-bearing bank account, pending decisions on its disbursement.
2. All financial transactions will be carried out in accordance with approved financial rules and procedures.
3. Payments into the Fund should be made "free of charge to the beneficiary" to the following bank account, which is held in the name of the "Secretary General of the OSCE":

Bank Austria AG
Am Hof 2
1010 VIENNA
Account number: 696 140 805
BLZ (Clearing number): 20151
Swift code: BKAU ATWW

4. It should be clearly indicated on the transfer document that the contribution is intended for the "Fund for Voluntary Contributions to support OSCE Action for Peace, Democracy and Stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina".
5. When making the transfer, the contributor may, in a separate letter to the Secretary General, designate his/her contribution for a specific purpose or project and specify the conditions for its use. In the absence of any such designation, the contribution will be used to finance projects according to paragraph 4 of the main document.