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The Permanent Council decides to approve a budget line for 1996 for the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on the Conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and his Field Assistants in the amount of 6,895,000 Austrian schillings (Annex 1).

1996 budget for "Personal Representative and Field Assistants"

TOTAL ATS 6,895,000

Explanatory note

The calculations for the above budget are based on the assumption that there will be one Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office and his five Field Assistants. The above budget includes also salaries for four local staff at the headquarters in Tbilisi (one secretary, one administrator and two drivers) at an average per month/person of ATS 4,900 and payments for three locally recruited persons assisting each of the Field Assistants during their visits to different areas outside the headquarters (one liaison person, one driver and one security guard). Also included are funds to cover expenditures for travel, accommodation, freight, vehicle maintenance, communications, insurance and representation.

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of Armenia:

"The Delegation of Armenia regrets that the original draft Explanatory Note to the budget line for 1996 for the Field Assistants introduced by the OSCE Secretary General early in September 1995, which had received overwhelming support from delegations, was blocked by Azerbaijan. The approval of the budget line was made hostage by Azerbaijan to its political aims, namely, to minimize the accessibility of the Mission to Nagorno-Karabakh and curtail the OSCE presence in the main operational area.

The Delegation of Armenia believes that the presence of the OSCE in the region of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict is essential for the advancement of the peace process. The approval of this budget line will ensure the continuation of the activities of the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office and his Field Assistants in accordance with their Mandate and the previous understanding reached between the Chairman-in-Office and the Parties to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, as well as within the Minsk Group.

With this in mind, Armenia consents to the present draft budget line for 1996 for the Personal Representative and Field Assistants and the Explanatory Note to it on the understanding that the Field Assistants will conduct their field activities equally, simultaneously and unreservedly from Baku, Stepanakert and Yerevan, and - what is very important - throughout the line of contact between Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh."