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**DECISION No. 826
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE CENTRE IN DUSHANBE**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe until 30 June 2008.

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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 Portugal:

“Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the EU I would like to make the following interpretative statement to be attached to the journal of the day:

In supporting the decision to extend the mandate of the Centre in Dushanbe for six months the EU would like to emphasize a couple of points.

First, the EU welcomes the commitment of the government of Tajikistan to its OSCE Mission. We support the expansion of the work of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe across all three dimensions. Secondly, we note that the government of Tajikistan wishes to renegotiate the Mandate of the Centre of Dushanbe. We believe that this could still have been done within the framework of a one year extension.

Generally the EU believes that OSCE field missions should be subject to annual mandates other than in the most exceptional circumstances where very specific reasons exist for a shorter mandate.”