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**DECISION No. 500/Corrected reissue*
MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN DUSHANBE**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the decision of the CSCE Rome Council Meeting (1993), the decisions of the Permanent Council No. 59 of 6 July 1995, No. 109 of 29 February 1996 and No. 459 of 21 December 2001,

Taking into account the progress made since the cessation of the civil war in the Republic of Tajikistan,

Taking into account the expanded presence of the OSCE in Central Asia in line with Decisions Nos. 243, 244, 245, all of 23 July 1998 and Decision No. 397 of 14 December 2000,

Recognizing the change of the focus of activities of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan, and

Welcoming the willingness of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan to continue its intensive co-operation with the OSCE,

Decides:

1. To change the name of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan, including its field offices, to the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe and to change the title of the Head of Mission of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan to Head of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe;
2. To give the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe the following tasks:
 - Given the OSCE role as a primary instrument for early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, to promote the implementation of OSCE principles and commitments as well as the co-operation of the Republic of Tajikistan within the OSCE framework, with special emphasis on the regional context, in all OSCE dimensions, including the economic, environmental, human and political aspects of security and stability;

* Incorporates a correction to the text of the decision.

- To promote ways and means for the OSCE to assist in the development of a legal framework and democratic political institutions and processes including the respect for human rights;
 - To facilitate contacts and promote information exchange with the Chairman-in-Office, OSCE bodies and the OSCE participating States in Central Asia as well as co-operation with international organizations and institutions;
 - To establish and maintain contacts with local authorities, universities, research institutions and NGOs;
 - To assist in arranging OSCE regional events, *inter alia*, regional seminars and visits to the area by OSCE delegations as well as other events with OSCE participation;
 - To perform these tasks, and others agreed on by the Republic of Tajikistan and the OSCE within its current mandate, in close co-operation and consultation with the authorities of the Republic of Tajikistan and with full respect for its national laws and regulations;
3. To task the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe, with regard to existing economic, social and environmental threats to the security in Tajikistan, to develop further - in co-operation with the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan - the Centre's activities in the economic and environmental dimension. In each field office one officer will be responsible for economic and environmental issues. The economic and environmental officer in the Centre in Dushanbe, who will occupy a senior management position, will be tasked to co-ordinate these activities;
4. To promote the implementation of decisions of the Bucharest Ministerial Council and the "Bishkek International Conference on Enhancing Security and Stability in Central Asia: Strengthening Comprehensive Efforts to Counter Terrorism", in the areas of police-related activities, border control and anti-trafficking;
5. To annually review this decision and implementation of this mandate and the activities of the Centre. The current mandate will apply until 31 December 2003. The prolongation and any changes of mandate will be subject to a new decision of the Permanent Council;
6. To instruct the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe to liaise and co-operate closely with the other OSCE Centres in the region in order to maintain the coherence of the regional approach of the OSCE;
7. The OSCE Centre in Dushanbe will have five field offices in Khujand, Kurgan-Tyube, Garm, Kulyab and Shartuz;
8. The personnel, present premises and assets of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan will be carried over to the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe.