

Chairmanship: Lithuania

894th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 15 December 2011

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Closed: 1.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING
STATES, H.E. MR. HALIL AKINCI

Chairperson, Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (PC.DEL/1179/11), Poland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1193/11), Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkey (PC.DEL/1199/11), Armenia (PC.DEL/1202/11)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND
CO-ORDINATOR FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN
HUMAN BEINGS

Chairperson, Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (SEC.GAL/189/11 OSCE+), Poland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European

Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1194/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/1184/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/1187/11 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1190/11), Switzerland, Holy See (PC.DEL/1182/11), Turkey, Moldova, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1012 (PC.DEC/1012) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1013 (PC.DEC/1013) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN ASTANA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1014 (PC.DEC/1014) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1015 (PC.DEC/1015) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1016 (PC.DEC/1016) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE OFFICE IN TAJIKISTAN

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1017 (PC.DEC/1017) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 9: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1018 (PC.DEC/1018) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project of Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 10: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1019 (PC.DEC/1019) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 11: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1020 (PC.DEC/1020) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 12: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1021 (PC.DEC/1021) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 13: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1022 (PC.DEC/1022) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 14: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1023 (PC.DEC/1023) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Skopje, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 15: DECISION ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE
OSCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1024 (PC.DEC/1024) on the Terms of Reference of the OSCE Audit Committee, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 16: DECISION ON THE REVISION OF THE 2011 UNIFIED
BUDGET

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1025 (PC.DEC/1025) on the revision of the 2011 Unified Budget, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 17: DECISION ON THE CLOSURE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN
ZAGREB

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1026 (PC.DEC/1026) on the closure of the OSCE Office in Zagreb, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson (Annex 1), Poland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision), Croatia

Agenda item 18: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Eighteenth round of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 14 December 2011:* Poland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1196/11), Russian Federation, Georgia (PC.DEL/1200/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/1186/11)
- (b) *Situation in Belarus:* Canada (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Norway, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/1181/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/1188/11 OSCE+)
- (c) *The death penalty in Belarus:* Poland-European Union (PC.DEL/1197/11), Switzerland (also on behalf of Andorra, Norway and San Marino), Belarus (PC.DEL/1189/11 OSCE+)
- (d) *Recent attack in Liège, Belgium:* Poland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1198/11), Russian Federation, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Belgium, Chairperson
- (e) *Ruling of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of V.C. versus Slovakia:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1185/11), Slovakia (PC.DEL/1192/11)
- (f) *Provision of humanitarian assistance by the Russian Federation in northern Kosovo:* Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/1183/11), Poland-European Union, Albania, Serbia, Belarus

Agenda item 19: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/254/11): Chairperson

Agenda item 20: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/193/11 OSCE+): Secretary General*
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the International Afghanistan Conference, held in Bonn, Germany, on 5 December 2011: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/193/11 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Issues related to visa extension and accreditation granted to OSCE mission members: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/193/11 OSCE+), Bulgaria, Tajikistan*

Agenda item 21: AWARD OF THE OSCE MEDAL TO H.E. MARC PERRIN DE BRICHAMBAUT

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/195/11 OSCE+), H.E.
Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1191/11), Croatia, Poland,
Georgia, Ukraine, Ireland

Agenda item 22: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Signature by Croatia of the European Union Treaty of Accession, on 9 December 2011: Croatia (Annex 2)*
- (b) *Letter of 2 December 2011 by the Chairmanship on the follow-up to the report by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the High Commissioner on National Minorities, on Human Rights in the War-Affected Areas following the Conflict in Georgia: Georgia (PC.DEL/1201/11), Chairperson*
- (c) *New election legislation in Ukraine: Ukraine*
- (d) *Farewell of the Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship: Poland-European Union, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kazakhstan, Chairperson (CIO.GAL/255/11), Ireland*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The decision approved today by the Permanent Council is a recognition of our common achievements. This decision, however, does not entail a change of existing procedures with regard to closure of field operations but serves instead to simply highlight this successful closure, which was achieved through consensus.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CROATIA

Mr. Chairperson,

The 9th of December 2011 will be remembered as the date on which yet another historic event in the relatively short history of the Republic of Croatia took place. The Treaty of Accession between the Republic of Croatia, represented by President Josipović and Prime Minister Kosor, and the European Union was signed in Brussels on that day, thus opening the path whereby we will become the 28th member of that assemblage which brings together more than 500 million citizens.

In the 20 years of our existence as a modern State, Croatia has experienced the glory and joy of its independence, the suffering of the war on its soil, and grief for many victims and missing persons. It has celebrated the liberation of its occupied territories and has been engaged in an extremely difficult period of transition of its society and economy.

Becoming a member of the European Union was always our objective. As President Josipović has stated, “It took Croatia 20 years to return to the political and cultural area to which it has belonged throughout the centuries of its history. Today, we are finally crossing the threshold of our European home.”

Our accession negotiations were long and challenging. We are the first new member State of the EU which, during its transition towards membership, has had to overcome the difficult legacy of war. This has been a success for our country and its citizens and equally for the European Union. We can both be proud of that success.

The process of the accession negotiations and the reforms that were undertaken in the course of the past six years visibly contributed to the overall development and consolidation of our country and our society, as well as to the continued strengthening of democratic institutions, the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

On that long path, we were facing many challenges. But it is also worth mentioning the support and engagement of many countries, parliamentarians, scholars, and the media. We have enjoyed the full co-operation of the EC and the EU presidencies – in the last year of this journey Hungary and Poland – to whom we are immensely grateful.

In this context, I would certainly like to mention the valuable role that the OSCE and its field operations in Croatia have played for 15 years in the transformation of our society and the fulfilment of our commitments. This is the happy convergence of developments at the end of 2011.

While completion of the process of ratifications of the Treaty of Accession remains one of our foremost objectives, by 1 July 2013, Croatia, with its newly elected Government, will strive to deliver on the implementation of the *acquis communautaire*. A referendum will be organized soon, providing our citizens with the opportunity to pronounce themselves in favour of that strategic goal and historic step.

We remain committed to providing advice and support to our neighbours in South East Europe on their path towards the EU, and we will continue to share the experience that we have gained from the accession process.

And, finally, Croatia in the OSCE: We shall use this new opportunity and the new setting of the European Union to undertake renewed efforts to contribute to the strengthening of our Organization and the more efficient achievement of its goals and objectives.



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**DECISION No. 1012
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku until 31 December 2012.



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PC.DEC/1013
15 December 2011

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**DECISION No. 1013
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan until
31 December 2012.



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15 December 2011

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**DECISION No. 1014
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE CENTRE IN ASTANA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana until
31 December 2012.



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**DECISION No. 1015
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek until
31 December 2012.



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PC.DEC/1016
15 December 2011

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**DECISION No. 1016
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until
31 December 2012.



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PC.DEC/1017
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**DECISION No. 1017
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE OFFICE IN TAJIKISTAN**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan until
31 December 2012.



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**DECISION No. 1018
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 30 June 2012.



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**DECISION No. 1019
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania until
31 December 2012.



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**DECISION No. 1020
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina until 31 December 2012.



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**DECISION No. 1021
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro until
31 December 2012.



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**DECISION No. 1022
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia until
31 December 2012.



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**DECISION No. 1023
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Skopje until
31 December 2012.



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DECISION No. 1024
TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE OSCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Permanent Council,

Determined to further strengthen internal and external control mechanisms which are essential for ensuring effective and efficient management of the OSCE,

Taking note of the recommendations of the OSCE Audit Committee and External Auditors regarding further improvement of management in the OSCE,

Recalling that the Terms of Reference of the OSCE Audit Committee, as established by Permanent Council Decision No. 656 and extended by its Decisions Nos. 824 and 966, can be revised by the Permanent Council as necessary,

Decides to approve the amended Terms of Reference of the OSCE Audit Committee as contained in the annex.

OSCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Guiding principle

An Audit Committee shall be established by the Permanent Council to exercise an independent appraisal function, providing the participating States with assurances that the Organization's controls are in place and operating properly. It shall perform this function through independent reviews of the work carried out by the OSCE's system of internal and external controls, including Internal Oversight, the External Auditors and the administration and management of the Organization. It shall also advise the Secretary General in his capacity as Chief Administrative Officer. The work of the Audit Committee shall be conducted in accordance with internationally accepted best practices and in compliance with OSCE policies, rules and regulations.

2. Role of the Committee

The Committee shall:

- (i) Review and monitor the adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization's system of internal and external controls, including OSCE internal oversight functions, the external auditor functions and the implementation of audit recommendations;
- (ii) Have the opportunity to present its views to the participating States on the selection of the External Auditor and on the External Auditor's review of the Organization's financial statements; and to the Secretary General on the appointment or termination of the assignment of the Director of Internal Oversight within the scope of the OSCE Staff Regulations and Staff Rules;
- (iii) Advise the Secretary General as the Chief Administrative Officer on all policy issues related to the system of internal and external controls and its performance;
- (iv) Report to the Permanent Council, through the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance, in particular on any matters of policy requiring corrective action and improvements in the area of controls, including appraisal, audit, investigation and risk management.

3. Membership of the Committee

The Committee shall be composed of three members who shall be senior audit professionals of high standing in the international audit community, fully independent of the OSCE, and with no affiliation with national governments of the OSCE participating States. The Chairmanship-in-Office, in consultation with participating States, shall appoint the members of the Committee. Each member shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee for one year on a rotational basis.

4. Terms of appointment

The members shall serve for terms of three years, extendable for a further period of one year.

5. Rules and procedures

The Audit Committee shall meet for its regular sessions at least twice a year. Additional meetings may also be scheduled on an ad hoc basis as necessary. The Chairperson of the Committee shall determine the timing of meetings and the need for any additional meetings in the course of the year. He/she shall also set the agenda of the meetings, taking into account relevant requests of the Permanent Council. The Audit Committee shall be able to call upon OSCE officials and request meetings with other parties as it deems necessary to obtain information relevant to its work. In particular, the Office of Internal Oversight and the External Auditors shall be readily available to respond to inquiries and make presentations to the Committee. In performing their functions, the members of the Committee shall neither seek nor receive instructions from any government authorities. They shall act fully independently from any individual OSCE bodies and structures, and shall be guided solely by their expertise and professional judgement, taking into account the collective decisions of the OSCE governing bodies.

The Audit Committee shall adopt recommendations on a consensus basis. In case of dissent among Committee members, the conclusions of the Chairperson in charge of the meeting, together with the dissenting opinion, shall be presented in the subsequent Committee report.

6. Access to documents

The Audit Committee shall have access to all records and documents of the Organization, including audit reports, investigations, and work documents of the Office of Internal Oversight and the External Auditors. Committee members shall sign non-disclosure statements at the beginning of their tenure.

7. Reporting

- (i) The Audit Committee shall submit an annual report to the Permanent Council.
- (ii) The Audit Committee may also submit ad hoc reports to the Permanent Council as necessary.
- (iii) The Secretary General shall be given the opportunity to comment on all reports prior to their submission. Comments of the Secretary General, which he/she deems necessary, shall be incorporated in the relevant reports.

8. Resources

The Audit Committee shall be provided with such resources as necessary to undertake its duties. Funds shall be included annually in the Unified Budget proposal to provide exclusively for the travel and accommodation costs of the members of the Committee, in

accordance with OSCE administrative rules and regulations. The members shall serve without remuneration from the OSCE.

The Audit Committee shall also be provided with funds for temporary administrative and secretarial support.

9. Time limit

These Terms of Reference will be in effect for three years after approval by the Permanent Council, and will be revised thereafter as necessary.



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**DECISION No. 1025
REVISION OF THE 2011 UNIFIED BUDGET**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 981 of 23 December 2010 on the approval of the 2011 Unified Budget,

Taking note of the budget revision proposed in document PC.ACMF/82/11/Corr.1 of 5 December 2011 and PC.ACMF/83/11 of 12 December 2011,

Approves the budget revision as contained in the attached annex.

REVISION OF THE 2011 UNIFIED BUDGET

Fund	Approved	Transfers	Revised	Proposed	Proposed
Main Programme	Budget	as per	Budget	Budget	Revised
Programme		Fin.Reg.	after	Incr./	Budget
		3.02(b)	Transfers	(Decr.)	
I. FUNDS RELATED TO SECRETARIAT AND INSTITUTIONS					
<u>The Secretariat</u>					
Secretary General and Central Services					
Executive Management	1,136,100	0	1,136,100	57,000	1,193,100
Security Management	368,800	0	368,800	30,000	398,800
External Co-operation	667,700	0	667,700	37,000	704,700
Legal Services	513,600	0	513,600	-	513,600
Press and Public Information	1,179,100	0	1,179,100	6,000	1,185,100
Gender Issues	<u>344,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>344,900</u>	<u>(85,000)</u>	<u>259,900</u>
Total	4,210,200	0	4,210,200	45,000	4,255,200
Chairman-in-Office					
Short-Term Mission/Visits of CiO and PR of the CiO	325,000	0	325,000	0	325,000
Advisory Committee on Management and Finance (ACMF)	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000
Panel of Adjudicators	40,000	0	40,000	0	40,000
Audit Committee	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
External Auditors	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total	530,000	0	530,000	0	530,000
Internal Oversight					
Internal Oversight	<u>1,275,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,275,400</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>1,230,400</u>
Total	1,275,400	0	1,275,400	(45,000)	1,230,400
Strategic Police Matters					
Strategic Police Matters Unit	<u>842,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>842,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>842,000</u>
Total	842,000	0	842,000	0	842,000
Office of the Special Representative/Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking					
Office of the Special Representative/Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings	<u>895,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>895,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>895,500</u>
Total	895,500	0	895,500	0	895,500
Action Against Terrorism Unit					
Action Against Terrorism	<u>830,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>830,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>830,600</u>
Total	830,600	0	830,600	0	830,600

REVISION OF THE 2011 UNIFIED BUDGET (continued)

Fund Main Programme Programme	Approved Budget	Transfers as per Fin.Reg. 3.02(b)	Revised Budget after Transfers	Proposed Budget Incr./ (Decr.)	Proposed Revised Budget
Activities Relating to the Economic and Environmental Aspects of Security					
Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities	1,428,800	0	1,428,800	2,000	1,430,800
Economic and Environmental Forum	<u>471,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>471,200</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>469,200</u>
Total	1,900,000	0	1,900,000	0	1,900,000
Conflict Prevention					
CPC Direction and Management	400,200	0	400,200	20,000	420,200
Policy Support Service	872,700	0	872,700	-	872,700
Operations Service	655,200	0	655,200	(17,000)	638,200
Operations Service/Borders Team	359,600	0	359,600	8,000	367,600
Programming and Evaluation Support Unit	320,600	0	320,600	(8,000)	312,600
FSC Chairmanship	35,000	0	35,000	-	35,000
FSC Support	480,300	0	480,300	7,000	487,300
Communications Network	<u>517,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>517,600</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>507,600</u>
Total	3,641,200	0	3,641,200	0	3,641,200
Human Resources Management					
HR Direction and Management	451,400	0	451,400	(17,000)	434,400
Personnel Management and Payroll Administration	1,051,700	0	1,051,700	-	1,051,700
Common Staff Costs	1,890,300	0	1,890,300	190,000	2,080,300
Recruitment	610,800	0	610,800	-	610,800
Training Section	<u>1,076,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,076,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,076,100</u>
Total	5,080,300	0	5,080,300	173,000	5,253,300
Department of Management and Finance					
Conference and Language Services	4,821,400	0	4,821,400	-	4,821,400
DMF Direction and Management	333,000	0	333,000	-	333,000
Budget and Internal Control Services	663,500	0	663,500	(15,000)	648,500
Financial Accounting and Treasury Services	918,200	0	918,200	(73,000)	845,200
Information and Communication Technology Services	2,040,300	0	2,040,300	(13,000)	2,027,300
Mission Support Service	1,636,900	0	1,636,900	(52,000)	1,584,900
Secretariat Common Operational Costs	3,216,300	0	3,216,300	(20,000)	3,196,300
Prague Office	<u>403,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>403,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>403,600</u>
Total	14,033,200	0	14,033,200	(173,000)	13,860,200
Total for the Secretariat	33,238,400	0	33,238,400	0	33,238,400

REVISION OF THE 2011 UNIFIED BUDGET (continued)

Fund Main Programme Programme	Approved Budget	Transfers as per Fin.Reg. 3.02(b)	Revised Budget after Transfers	Proposed Budget Incr./ (Decr.)	Proposed Revised Budget
<u>Office for Democratic</u>					
<u>Institutions and Human Rights</u>					
Direction and Policy	1,267,500	0	1,267,500	0	1,267,500
Fund Administration Unit	2,045,100	0	2,045,100	0	2,045,100
Common Operational Costs	900,100	0	900,100	0	900,100
Human Dimension Meetings	661,800	0	661,800	0	661,800
Democratization	1,435,400	0	1,435,400	0	1,435,400
Human Rights	1,157,200	0	1,157,200	0	1,157,200
Elections	6,524,600	0	6,524,600	0	6,524,600
Tolerance and Non-Discrimination	1,261,500	0	1,261,500	0	1,261,500
Roma and Sinti Issues	<u>551,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>551,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>551,100</u>
Total	15,804,300	0	15,804,300	0	15,804,300
<u>High Commissioner on National</u>					
<u>Minorities</u>					
Fund Administration Unit	366,900	(5,000)	361,900	0	361,900
Common Operational Costs	184,500	(10,000)	174,500	0	174,500
Office of the High Commissioner	<u>2,813,100</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>2,828,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,828,100</u>
Total	3,364,500	0	3,364,500	0	3,364,500
<u>Representative on Freedom of</u>					
<u>the Media</u>					
Freedom of the Media	<u>1,429,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,429,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,429,300</u>
Total	1,429,300	0	1,429,300	0	1,429,300
TOTAL FOR FUNDS					
RELATED TO THE					
SECRETARIAT AND					
INSTITUTIONS					
	53,836,500	0	53,836,500	0	53,836,500
II. FUNDS RELATED TO					
OSCE FIELD OPERATIONS					
<u>Augmentations</u>					
Secretariat Augmentations					
Internal Oversight	278,600	0	278,600	(55,000)	223,600
Policy Support Service	391,300	0	391,300	-	391,300
Operations Service	168,600	0	168,600	-	168,600
Press and Public Information	260,400	0	260,400	(22,000)	238,400
Budget and Internal Control					
Services	373,600	0	373,600	-	373,600
Financial Accounting and Treasury					
Services	512,000	0	512,000	23,000	535,000
Information and Communication					
Technology Services	1,360,500	0	1,360,500	16,000	1,376,500
Mission Support Services	1,048,000	0	1,048,000	38,000	1,086,000
Personnel Management and Payroll					
Administration	296,700	29,600	326,300	25,400	351,700

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Fund Main Programme Programme	Approved Budget	Transfers as per Fin.Reg. 3.02(b)	Revised Budget after Transfers	Proposed Budget Incr./ (Decr.)	Proposed Revised Budget
Recruitment	<u>489,600</u>	<u>(29,600)</u>	<u>460,000</u>	<u>(25,400)</u>	<u>434,600</u>
Secretariat Augmentations	5,179,300	0	5,179,300	0	5,179,300
ODIHR Augmentations					
ODIHR Democratization	<u>235,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>235,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>235,000</u>
Total	235,000	0	235,000	0	235,000
Total for Augmentations	5,414,300	0	5,414,300	0	5,414,300
SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE					
<u>Mission in Kosovo</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	3,484,500	134,000	3,618,500	0	3,618,500
Fund Administration Unit	2,948,700	155,000	3,103,700	0	3,103,700
Common Operational Costs	4,765,100	(160,000)	4,605,100	0	4,605,100
Security and Public Safety	1,274,500	5,000	1,279,500	0	1,279,500
Democratization	3,152,100	(59,000)	3,093,100	0	3,093,100
Human Rights and Communities	<u>6,981,400</u>	<u>(75,000)</u>	<u>6,906,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,906,400</u>
Total	22,606,300	0	22,606,300	0	22,606,300
<u>Tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	1,730,400	0	1,730,400	0	1,730,400
Fund Administration Unit	1,963,400	0	1,963,400	0	1,963,400
Common Operational Costs	3,142,200	0	3,142,200	0	3,142,200
Security Co-operation	681,600	0	681,600	0	681,600
Human Dimension	<u>7,255,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,255,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,255,100</u>
Total for Bosnia and Herzegovina	14,772,700	0	14,772,700	0	14,772,700
Regional Stabilization/Arms Control					
Implementation of Article IV	<u>206,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>206,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>206,300</u>
Total Regional Stabilization/Arms Control	206,300	0	206,300	0	206,300
GRAND TOTAL	14,979,000	0	14,979,000	0	14,979,000
<u>Office in Zagreb</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	193,600	0	193,600	0	193,600
Fund Administration Unit	258,100	0	258,100	0	258,100
Common Operational Costs	518,300	(2,400)	515,900	0	515,900
War Crimes Monitoring	343,500	1,900	345,400	0	345,400
Housing Care Implementation	<u>150,100</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>150,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150,600</u>
Total	1,463,600	0	1,463,600	0	1,463,600
<u>Mission to Serbia</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	972,400	27,200	999,600	0	999,600
Fund Administration Unit	769,300	0	769,300	0	769,300
Common Operational Costs	1,405,800	2,000	1,407,800	0	1,407,800
Police Affairs	1,661,800	(6,000)	1,655,800	0	1,655,800

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Fund Main Programme Programme	Approved Budget	Transfers as per Fin.Reg. 3.02(b)	Revised Budget after Transfers	Proposed Budget Incr./ (Decr.)	Proposed Revised Budget
Democratization	1,202,100	(7,100)	1,195,000	0	1,195,000
Media	410,800	(5,700)	405,100	0	405,100
Rule of Law and Human Rights	<u>1,122,200</u>	<u>(10,400)</u>	<u>1,111,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,111,800</u>
Total	7,544,400	0	7,544,400	0	7,544,400
<u>Presence in Albania</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	691,000	5,000	696,000	0	696,000
Fund Administration Unit	422,400	1,500	423,900	0	423,900
Common Operational Costs	872,500	(34,000)	838,500	0	838,500
Security Co-operation	229,600	10,000	239,600	0	239,600
Governance in Economic and Environmental Issues	259,600	7,500	267,100	0	267,100
Democratization	397,600	10,000	407,600	0	407,600
Rule of Law and Human Rights	<u>318,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>318,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>318,500</u>
Total	3,191,200	0	3,191,200	0	3,191,200
<u>Mission to Skopje</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	1,583,100	0	1,583,100	0	1,583,100
Fund Administration Unit	1,059,400	0	1,059,400	0	1,059,400
Common Operational Costs	1,167,700	0	1,167,700	0	1,167,700
Police Development	1,414,100	0	1,414,100	0	1,414,100
Good Governance	621,000	0	621,000	0	621,000
Rule of Law	<u>1,205,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,205,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,205,700</u>
Total	7,051,000	0	7,051,000	0	7,051,000
<u>Mission to Montenegro</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	337,100	0	337,100	0	337,100
Fund Administration Unit	252,000	6,000	258,000	0	258,000
Common Operational Costs	431,500	(6,000)	425,500	0	425,500
Police Affairs	465,400	0	465,400	0	465,400
Politico-Military Activities	43,900	0	43,900	0	43,900
Democratization	448,300	0	448,300	0	448,300
Media	120,700	0	120,700	0	120,700
Rule of Law and Human Rights	<u>276,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>276,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>276,800</u>
Total	2,375,700	0	2,375,700	0	2,375,700
TOTAL FOR					
SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE	59,211,200	0	59,211,200	0	59,211,200
EASTERN EUROPE					
<u>Mission to Moldova</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	378,400	0	378,400	0	378,400
Fund Administration Unit	208,000	(6,000)	202,000	0	202,000
Common Operational Costs	444,000	5,500	449,500	0	449,500
Conflict Prevention/Resolution	487,400	0	487,400	0	487,400
Human Rights					
Monitoring/Democratization	294,300	500	294,800	0	294,800

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Anti-Trafficking/Gender	<u>271,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>271,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>271,800</u>
Total	2,083,900	0	2,083,900	0	2,083,900
<u>Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	208,900	3,600	212,500	0	212,500
Fund Administration Unit	265,800	26,500	292,300	0	292,300
Common Operational Costs	396,600	600	397,200	0	397,200
Democratization and Good					
Governance	294,300	(29,400)	264,900	0	264,900
Rule of Law and Human Rights	857,000	15,100	872,100	0	872,100
Economic, Environmental and					
Politico-Military Projects	<u>729,700</u>	<u>(16,400)</u>	<u>713,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>713,300</u>
Total	2,752,300	0	2,752,300	0	2,752,300
<u>Office in Minsk</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	198,500	0	198,500	(129,000)	69,500
Fund Administration Unit	143,800	0	143,800	(70,900)	72,900
Common Operational Costs	187,200	0	187,200	(148,800)	38,400
Economic and Environmental					
Activities	269,500	0	269,500	(254,900)	14,600
Institution-Building, Rule of Law					
and Civil Society	<u>359,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>359,500</u>	<u>(336,300)</u>	<u>23,200</u>
Total	1,158,500	0	1,158,500	(939,900)	218,600
<u>Representative to the</u>					
<u>Latvian-Russian Joint</u>					
<u>Commission on Military</u>					
<u>Pensioners</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	<u>9,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,300</u>
Total	9,300	0	9,300	0	9,300
TOTAL FOR EASTERN					
EUROPE	6,004,000	0	6,004,000	(939,900)	5,064,100
CAUCASUS					
<u>Office in Yerevan</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	289,500	(11,000)	278,500	0	278,500
Fund Administration Unit	201,100	6,500	207,600	0	207,600
Common Operational Costs	395,700	(34,200)	361,500	0	361,500
Politico-Military Activities	531,000	(42,000)	489,000	0	489,000
Economic and Environmental					
Activities	500,800	10,000	510,800	0	510,800
Democratization	264,600	25,700	290,300	0	290,300
Human Rights	297,600	13,000	310,600	0	310,600
Good Governance	<u>328,900</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>360,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>360,900</u>
Total	2,809,200	0	2,809,200	0	2,809,200

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<u>Office in Baku</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	226,600	0	226,600	0	226,600
Fund Administration Unit	216,600	21,600	238,200	32,000	270,200
Common Operational Costs	553,500	42,100	595,600	(31,000)	564,600
Politico-Military Activities	617,400	(35,700)	581,700	0	581,700
Economic and Environmental					
Activities	370,300	(9,500)	360,800	0	360,800
Democratization	409,600	(10,000)	399,600	0	399,600
Rule of Law and Human Rights	<u>442,300</u>	<u>(8,500)</u>	<u>433,800</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>432,800</u>
Total	2,836,300	0	2,836,300	0	2,836,300
<u>High-Level Planning Group</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	<u>245,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>245,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>245,000</u>
Total	245,000	0	245,000	0	245,000
<u>The Minsk Process</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	<u>953,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>953,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>953,300</u>
Total	953,300	0	953,300	0	953,300
<u>Personal Representative of the</u>					
<u>CiO on the Conflict Dealt with</u>					
<u>by the Minsk Conference</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	580,600	0	580,600	0	580,600
Fund Administration Unit	193,400	0	193,400	0	193,400
Common Operational Costs	<u>381,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>381,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>381,300</u>
Total	1,155,300	0	1,155,300	0	1,155,300
TOTAL FOR CAUCASUS	7,999,100	0	7,999,100	0	7,999,100
CENTRAL ASIA					
<u>Centre in Astana</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	244,300	0	244,300	0	244,300
Fund Administration Unit	249,100	10,400	259,500	0	259,500
Common Operational Costs	363,600	(20,400)	343,200	0	343,200
Politico-Military Activities	445,200	0	445,200	0	445,200
Economic and Environmental					
Activities	451,100	20,000	471,100	0	471,100
Human Dimension Activities	<u>450,500</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>440,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>440,500</u>
Total	2,203,800	0	2,203,800	0	2,203,800
<u>Centre in Ashgabat</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	255,700	0	255,700	0	255,700
Fund Administration Unit	165,000	0	165,000	0	165,000
Common Operational Costs	262,300	0	262,300	0	262,300
Conflict Prevention and					
Confidence- and Security-Building	260,400	0	260,400	0	260,400
Economic and Environmental					
Activities	210,900	0	210,900	0	210,900

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Human Dimension Activities	<u>247,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>247,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>247,400</u>
Total	1,401,700	0	1,401,700	0	1,401,700
<u>Centre in Bishkek</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	1,030,200	(5,300)	1,024,900	0	1,024,900
Fund Administration Unit	423,200	12,100	435,300	0	435,300
Common Operational Costs	747,400	(35,800)	711,600	0	711,600
Politico-Military Activities	1,412,200	16,400	1,428,600	0	1,428,600
Economic and Environmental Activities	960,400	(30,000)	930,400	0	930,400
Human Dimension Activities	1,055,800	58,000	1,113,800	0	1,113,800
Police Reform Programme	<u>1,138,300</u>	<u>(15,400)</u>	<u>1,122,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,122,900</u>
Total	6,767,500	0	6,767,500	0	6,767,500
<u>Project Co-ordinator in</u>					
<u>Uzbekistan</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	173,900	0	173,900	0	173,900
Fund Administration Unit	95,100	0	95,100	0	95,100
Common Operational Costs	251,800	0	251,800	0	251,800
Politico-Military Activities	407,100	(6,000)	401,100	0	401,100
Economic and Environmental Activities	524,000	6,000	530,000	0	530,000
Human Dimension Activities	<u>499,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>499,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>499,900</u>
Total	1,951,800	0	1,951,800	0	1,951,800
<u>Office in Tajikistan</u>					
Office of Head of Mission	1,046,000	(18,800)	1,027,200	0	1,027,200
Fund Administration Unit	476,900	(20,100)	456,800	0	456,800
Common Operational Costs	1,341,000	132,500	1,473,500	0	1,473,500
Political and Military Aspects of Security	1,140,800	20,400	1,161,200	0	1,161,200
Economic and Environmental Activities	951,200	(81,500)	869,700	0	869,700
Human Dimension Activities	<u>1,018,900</u>	<u>(32,500)</u>	<u>986,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>986,400</u>
Total	5,974,800	0	5,974,800	0	5,974,800
TOTAL FOR CENTRAL ASIA	18,299,600	0	18,299,600	0	18,299,600
TOTAL FOR FUNDS					
RELATED TO THE OSCE					
FIELD OPERATIONS	96,928,200	0	96,928,200	(939,900)	95,988,300
TOTAL OSCE UNIFIED					
BUDGET	150,764,700	0	150,764,700	(939,900)	149,824,800



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**DECISION No. 1026
CLOSURE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN ZAGREB**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the Permanent Council's Decision No. 836, dated 21 December 2007, on the establishment of an OSCE Office in Zagreb,

Noting the latest Status Report of the Head of the OSCE Office in Zagreb to the OSCE Permanent Council (PC.FR/23/11, dated 16 November 2011), outlining the progress achieved in both mandate-related areas and its conclusions regarding the implementation of the mandate,

Commending the OSCE Office in Zagreb and its staff for the efficient manner in which it has discharged its functions, in co-operation with the Government of the Republic of Croatia,

Welcomes the success achieved by the OSCE Office in Zagreb in implementing its mandate, as well as the progress made by the host country, and decides to close the OSCE Office in Zagreb at the expiration of its mandate, on 31 December 2011;

Requests the Head of the Office, with the assistance of the OSCE Secretariat, to complete all the required procedures related to the closure of the OSCE Office in Zagreb by 31 March 2012;

Decides, on an exceptional basis and as a transitional measure designed to further strengthen local ownership of war crimes trial monitoring, to authorize the Secretary General, without any prejudice to the existing mandates, to implement the activities on NGO capacity-building for monitoring war crimes trials in Croatia, as presented in document CIO.GAL/242/11, dated 2 December 2011, from 1 January 2012 until 31 December 2012, to be funded from the 2012 Unified Budget and other sources, as appropriate;

Tasks the Secretary General with circulating a revised 2012 Unified Budget Proposal reflecting the financial implications of the closure of the OSCE Office in Zagreb and the implementation of the activities presented in the document CIO.GAL/242/11, dated 2 December 2011.

**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 European Union:

“The European Union welcomes the decision of the Permanent Council to close the OSCE Office in Zagreb.

We also welcome the constructive approach displayed by the Croatian authorities throughout the entire process of preparations of this decision.

The EU stresses that the procedures foreseen in this decision for OSCE activities in Croatia following the closure of the OSCE Office in Zagreb are of an exceptional character and do not create a precedent for OSCE activities in the future. The adoption of this decision is without prejudice to the autonomy and mandates of OSCE executive structures.

In this context we expect that the relevant OSCE executive structures will ensure the effective implementation of activities mandated by this decision.

The EU requests that this interpretative statement is appended to this decision and also to the journal of the day.

The acceding country Croatia¹, the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland², the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Andorra and San Marino align themselves with this statement.”

1 Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

2 Iceland continues to be a member of EFTA and the European Economic Area.