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**DECISION No. 614/Corrected reissue*
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
BORDER MONITORING OPERATION OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 586 of 18 December 2003, concerning the extension of the mandate of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia,

Further recalling the report pursuant to Decision No. 586 of the Permanent Council of 18 December 2003, on the activities of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia, its Decision No. 590 of 24 December 2003 on the 2004 Unified Budget, in which funds for the operations of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia were allocated for the whole of 2004, as well as the different views on the activities of the ongoing operation expressed in the Preparatory Committee meeting on 15 June 2004,

Decides to extend the mandate of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia until 31 December 2004.

* Incorporates corrections to the translation of the interpretative statement attached to this decision.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 79
(CHAPTER 6) OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS/Corrected reissue***

By the Delegation of the Russian Federation:

“The Russian delegation has joined the consensus with regard to the decision adopted by the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE monitoring operation on the Georgian-Russian border until 31 December 2004 on the understanding that this is the last decision of this kind and that as of 1 January 2005 the OSCE monitoring operation on the Georgian-Russian border will cease. The Russian Federation takes this position, first and foremost, in the light of the radically new conditions that have arisen in this region in comparison to 1999 when the operation was begun. The qualitative improvement of the situation on the Georgian-Russian border, positive developments in the normalization of the situation in the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation and substantial progress in the strengthening of co-operation between the Russian and Georgian border services make it possible to find an effective solution to the problem of guarding this segment of the State border using Russia’s and Georgia’s own forces, without the involvement of the OSCE. Moreover, the practical gain from the monitoring has been negligible, something to which the Russian delegation has repeatedly drawn attention over the last few years. All these factors make the further continuation of this operation inappropriate.

In view of the fact that the closure of OSCE field operations requires a certain amount of time and the adoption of relevant administrative and financial decisions, we trust that the Secretariat, together with the OSCE Mission to Georgia, will begin work without delay on the elaboration of the necessary proposals for the financial and operational modalities for termination of the operation at the start of the winter session and its subsequent complete closure as of 1 January 2005.

We request that this statement be attached to the decision adopted and the Journal of the day.”

* Incorporates corrections to the translation of this interpretative statement.