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The Permanent Council,

Noting the reports of the Fact-Finding Mission of the OSCE to Croatia (6 to 10 October 1995), and of the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on his visit to Croatia (20 to 23 February 1996),

Reaffirming the OSCE's principles and commitments and its full support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia,

Welcoming the invitation of the Government of Croatia for an OSCE Mission,

Decides to establish an OSCE Mission to the Republic of Croatia.

The Mission will provide assistance and expertise to the Croatian authorities at all levels, as well as to interested individuals, groups and organizations, in the field of the protection of human rights and of the rights of persons belonging to national minorities. In this context and in order to promote reconciliation, the rule of law and conformity with the highest internationally recognized standards, the Mission will also assist and advise on the full implementation of legislation and monitor the proper functioning and development of democratic institutions, processes and mechanisms.

In carrying out its tasks, the Mission will co-operate with and use the expertise of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. It will also co-operate with other international organizations and institutions, notably the Council of Europe, the ECMM, the Special Envoy for Regional Issues, UNHCR, the ICRC and relevant NGOs.

The Mission will offer close co-operation to UNTAES, in particular as regards confidence-building and reconciliation, as well as the development of democratic institutions, processes and mechanisms at the municipal and district/county level.

The Mission will establish its headquarters in Zagreb and regional offices in Knin and Vukovar. It will be composed of up to 8 members at headquarters, and of up to 3 members at each regional office. The appointment of the Head of Mission by the Chairman-in-Office will be subject to consultation with the authorities of the host country.

The initial duration of the Mission will be until 31 December 1996. Prolongation and changes of mandate will be subject to a new decision by the Permanent Council.

The Mission will report on its work and findings.

The Permanent Council requests the informal Financial Committee of Experts to elaborate a budget proposal to be approved by the Permanent Council.