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DECISION No. 239

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decisions Nos. 112 and 176 and also United Nations Security Council resolution No. 1145 of 19 December 1997,

Welcoming the understanding reached between the Chairman-in-Office and Croatian authorities, and the readiness and commitment of the Government of Croatia to ensure the appropriate implementation of this decision, as expressed in the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia, Dr. Mate Granić, to the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/32/98 Restr.),

Expresses the readiness of the OSCE to deploy civilian police monitors to assume the responsibilities of the United Nations Police Support Group (UNPSG) personnel deployed in the Croatian Danubian region, which will be based on the following understandings:

- The overall number of OSCE police monitors deployed in the Danubian region will not exceed 120;
- Actual deployment of the OSCE personnel will take place with a view to ensuring a proper transition from United Nations to OSCE police monitoring in anticipation of the end of the UNPSG mandate on 15 October 1998;
- No financial implications for the 1998 budget of the OSCE Mission to Croatia are envisaged.