
Austrian Chairmanship**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(279th PLENARY MEETING)**

1. Date: Thursday, 13 April 2000

Opened: 9.40 a.m.

Closed: 9.55 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. Margit Wästfelt

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE EXPANSION OF THE BORDER
 MONITORING OPERATION OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
 GEORGIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 346 (PC.DEC/346), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the expansion of the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia.

Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/240/00), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/241/00), Georgia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Point of principle: France, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 18 April 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal

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**DECISION No 346
EXPANSION OF THE BORDER MONITORING OPERATION
OF THE OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA**

The Permanent Council,

On the basis of the report of the OSCE evaluation team of 13 March 2000 and of the addendum to this report of 22 March 2000 and recalling its Decisions Nos. 334 of 15 December 1999 and 335 of 20 January 2000 concerning the expansion of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia to observe and report on movement across the border between Georgia and the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation,

- Decides to further develop the border monitoring operation with the objective of strengthening the credibility as well as the security of the monitoring personnel in the light of changed circumstances during the summer period;
- Decides to prolong the border monitoring operation until 15 November 2000;
- Decides to increase the size of the present mission to up to 42 international personnel;
- Approves a supplementary budget in the amount of EUR 2,017,300 (see annex) for the expanded border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia. The supplementary budget covers a period of 4.5 months.

At the latest by mid-July, the Permanent Council will assess if the operation is meeting its intended objectives or if any changes including an expansion of the monitoring operation, are required to that end. This could also include another evaluation on the ground.

Budget for a period of 4.5 months (1 May to 15 September 2000) for an expanded OSCE Border Observation Operation in Georgia

Individual Cost Items	Monthly Costs/ Unit Costs EUR	No. of Units	EUR
A. STAFF COSTS			
4 doctors (4.5 months)			9,000.00
7 local staff (4.5 months)			6,300.00
War risk insurance: GBP 120 per int. Mission member (MM) per year			2,900.00
Hazard pay: EUR 33 per MM per day (30 MM stationed at the border zone 20 days/month)			111,400.00
Total			129,600.00
B. BOARD AND LODGING			
Boarding allowance for intl. MM USD 125 per day			630,000.00
Lodging allowance in Tbilisi USD 500/MM/month 8 MM (Accommodation will be provided at the basis)			18,600.00
Total			648,600.00
C. TRAVEL COSTS			
Tickets VIE-TBI-VIE (EUR 1,600)			41,600.00
TSA Vienna for 3 days (USD 170)			13,700.00
Total			55,300.00
D. SERVICES AND UTILITIES			
Helicopter charter for passengers/cargo rate per month (2 heli)	90,000.00	4.5	405,000.00
Operation costs helicopters	36,000.00	4.5	162,000.00
Communication	24,200.00	4.5	108,900.00
Vehicle insurance and maintenance	1,533.30	4.5	6,900.00
Rental of premises in the field	2,600.00	4.5	11,700.00
Rental of apartments for MM (USD 500/month, 3 apartments)	516.50	13.5	7,000.00
Total			701,500.00

Budget for a period of 4.5 months (1 May to 15 September 2000) for an expanded OSCE Border Observation Operation in Georgia (continued)

Individual Cost Items	Monthly Costs/ Unit Costs EUR	No. of Units	EUR
E. INVESTMENT COSTS			
<u>Vehicles</u>			
4-wheel drive vehicles (3 Niva = 4 x UAZ)	35,500.00	1	35,500.00
<u>Communication/IT Equipment</u>			
Desktop	1,700.00	4	6,800.00
Communication equipment including VHF, GPS, fax, SAT	232,500.00	1	232,500.00
TV sets	900.00	3	2,700.00
UPS	300.00	3	900.00
Satellite receiver with dish	800.00	3	2,400.00
APC	300.00	3	900.00
<u>Other Equipment</u>			
Nordic tent incl. generator and other accessories	8,000.00	1	8,000.00
Generator 30 Kw	9,000.00	2	18,000.00
Bullet-proof vest	800.00	30	24,000.00
Doctor kit	10,000.00	2	20,000.00
First-aid kit	5,000.00	2	10,000.00
Copier medium	6,000.00	2	12,000.00
Refrigerator	600.00	2	1,200.00
Binoculars and night-vision devices	2,800.00	22	61,600.00
Camcorder	1,600.00	3	4,800.00
Misc. items: minor equipment, maps, flash light, etc.	25,000.00	1	25,000.00
Total			466,300.00
F. SUPPLIES			
Fuel and lubricants			9,000.00
Military rations and water			3,000.00
Other supplies			4,000.00
Total			16,000.00
TOTAL FOR THE BORDER MONITORING OPERATION			2,017,300.00