

Chairmanship: Slovakia

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1241st Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Tuesday, 24 September 2019

Opened: 2.30 p.m.
Closed: 2.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, expressed his sadness in connection with the earthquake in Albania on 21 September 2019.

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE 2019 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
FOR THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS
AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1347 (PC.DEC/1347) on the 2019 supplementary budget for the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ambassadorial visit to Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, to take place from 6 to 11 October 2019 (CIO.GAL/131/19 OSCE+): Chairperson, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, United States of America

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 3 October 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

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DECISION No. 1347
2019 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 1326 of 11 April 2019 on the approval of the 2019 Unified Budget,

Takes note of the supplementary budget proposed under PC.ACMF/51/19 of 6 September 2019,

Approves the supplementary budget in the amount of 300,000 euros for the activities of the ODIHR Elections Programme on an exceptional basis;

Determines that this supplementary budget shall be financed from the 2018 cash surplus.

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Attachment

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**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 delegation of the United States of America:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The United States wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

In joining consensus on this decision to use the 2018 cash surplus to augment the budget for the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the United States makes no commitment to any increases in US contributions in future years due to the use of previous years' cash surpluses in this instance.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”