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DECISION No. 1319 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 30 June 2019.

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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 Russian Federation:

"In joining the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the Russian Federation takes the position that the geographical area of activity of the office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator will fully reflect the political and legal realities existing since 21 March 2014 as a result of the fact that the Republic of Crimea and the federal city of Sevastopol are integral parts of the territory of the Russian Federation. Consequently, the Co-ordinator's activities, including project activities, do not apply to these constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included as an attachment to the journal of the day."

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The delegation of Austria, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

"In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

The European Union stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question."

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹ and Albania¹, the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Canada, the Republic of Moldova, Georgia, Andorra and San Marino align themselves with this statement.

¹ The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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By the delegation of the United States of America:

"In connection with the adoption of the decision for the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the United States would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States notes that Crimea remains an integral and internationally recognized part of Ukraine despite Russia's ongoing occupation and attempted annexation. The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."

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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 Turkey:

"Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Turkey reiterates that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea, which Turkey continues to regard as part of Ukraine.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

Thank you."

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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 Ukraine:

"Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which are an integral part of Ukraine, were illegally occupied and subjected to attempted annexation by the Russian Federation in violation of the OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders are safeguarded by the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine and norms of international law. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders was reconfirmed by the UN General Assembly resolutions 68/262 'Territorial integrity of Ukraine' of 27 March 2014, 71/205 'Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)' of 19 December 2016, 72/190 'Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine' of 19 December 2017 and by the updated draft resolution 'Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine' adopted by the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly at its 73rd session on 15 November 2018.

Ukraine stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine extends to the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to this decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."