



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

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**DECISION No. 2/12
ACCESSION OF MONGOLIA TO THE OSCE**

The Ministerial Council,

Following the receipt of the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (CIO.GAL/213/11 of 28 October 2011) in which Mongolia expressed its willingness to join the OSCE as a participating State and its acceptance of all commitments and responsibilities contained in OSCE documents, and of the addendum from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (PC.DEL/780/12 of 7 August 2012) in which Mongolia articulates its responsibilities – specifically with regard to the Vienna Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures,

With reference to Ministerial Council Decision No. 12/11 of 7 December 2011 on the application of Mongolia to become a participating State and to the Chairmanship's report on this matter (CIO.GAL/82/12 of 4 July 2012),

Welcomes Mongolia as a participating State of the OSCE on the understanding that the zone of application for CSBMs as defined in Annex I to the Vienna Document will not extend to Mongolia's territory, unless the Ministerial Council determines otherwise, and in that regard, Vienna Document commitments that apply only to the zone of application will apply to any Mongolian forces in the zone but not to the territory of Mongolia.

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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:

“First of all, we should like to congratulate Mongolia in its capacity as a fully fledged participating State of the OSCE. We hope that this new status will allow Mongolia, which we regard as a friend, to be more actively involved in the collective efforts to promote a common and indivisible security space from Vancouver to Vladivostok in line with the OSCE Astana Summit decisions.

We joined the consensus on the Ministerial Council decision on the admission of Mongolia to the OSCE, in which it was confirmed that the zone of application for confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) in the military sphere will remain unchanged, i.e., as defined in Annex I to the Vienna Document. Accordingly, the aforementioned CSBMs will not extend to the territory of Mongolia, as stated in this Ministerial Council decision.

At the same time, we note the need for strict compliance in the future with the mandate of the Forum for Security Co-operation in the preparation of decisions affecting its competence, including those concerning the application of CSBMs.

We also take the position that the accession of Mongolia to the OSCE as a State that does not fall within the geographical zone of responsibility of the CSCE/OSCE defined by the Helsinki Final Act is an exceptional case. The OSCE's status as ‘a regional arrangement under Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations’, whose main purpose is to support the United Nations efforts to strengthen security and co-operation in Europe, should not be changed. In this connection, the adoption of the decision on the admission of Mongolia cannot be regarded as setting a precedent for other OSCE Partners for Co-operation and other States that are not participating States of the OSCE.

In the light of the above, we support the Chairmanship's proposal to initiate a discussion within an informal working group on the elaboration of criteria for the participation and admission to the OSCE of new participants.

I would ask that this statement be attached to the decision adopted and included in the journal of the Ministerial Council meeting in Dublin.”