

CSCE Mission to the Republic of Moldova

The Committee of Senior Officials

Noted with appreciation the activities and the final report of Dr. Adam D. Rotfeld, Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office, as well as the earlier interim report with addenda and 1. Decided to establish a CSCE Mission to the Republic of Moldova in order to facilitate the achievement of a lasting, comprehensive political settlement of the conflict in all its aspects, based on the following understanding expressed by the parties to the conflict, and other interested parties, to the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office:

- Consolidation of the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova within its current borders and reinforcement of the territorial integrity of the State along with an understanding about a special status for the Trans-Dniester region;
- An agreement on the withdrawal of foreign troops;
- Effective observance of international obligations and commitments regarding human and minority rights;
- Assistance in monitoring the implementation of agreements on a durable political settlement.
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The Mission will assist the parties to the conflict in opening a political dialogue and entering into negotiations on a lasting political settlement. It will stand ready to assist the parties in their efforts to remove by diplomatic means the sources of conflict before violence results.

The Mission will be launched no later than 31 March 1993, for an initial period of six months. The question of a possible extension of the duration of the Mission beyond the initial period will be reviewed by the CSO.

2. Authorized the Chairman-in-Office, after appropriate consultations, to appoint a Head of Mission.

3. Requested the Chairman-in-Office to consult the United Nations, and other international organizations with an active interest in contributing to the resolution of the conflict, on co-ordination and co-operation with the Mission. The Chairman-in-Office will report on the results of these consultations to the CSO Vienna Group.

4. Further requested the CSO Vienna Group to elaborate and approve by 15 March 1993, on a preliminary basis, the terms of reference and budget for the Mission, taking into account the recommendations of the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office. The terms of reference and budget will be submitted to the CSO for final approval at its next Meeting. The CPC Secretariat is authorized to bill participating States immediately following the preliminary approval of the budget.

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Pursuant to the decision taken by the Committee of Senior Officials on 4 February 1993, which resulted from the commitment of the parties involved to enter into negotiations reflected therein, the CSO Vienna Group approves, on a preliminary basis, the following terms of reference for the CSCE Mission to the Republic of Moldova.

Objective of the Mission

Bearing in mind the CSO decision and this commitment, the objective of the Mission is to facilitate the achievement of a lasting comprehensive political settlement, on the basis of CSCE principles and commitments, of the conflict in the Left-Bank Dniester areas of the Republic of Moldova in all its aspects.

Mission Activities

To this end the Mission will:

- facilitate the establishment of a comprehensive political framework for dialogue and negotiations and assist the parties to the conflict in pursuing negotiations on a lasting political settlement of the conflict, consolidating the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova along with an understanding about a special status for the Trans-Dniester region;
- gather and provide information on the situation, including the military situation, in the region, investigate specific incidents and assess their political implications;
- encourage the participating States concerned in pursuing negotiations on an agreement on the status and the early, orderly and complete withdrawal of foreign troops;
- provide advice and expertise, as well as a framework for other contributions, on such parts of a political settlement as effective observance of international obligations and commitments regarding human and minority rights, democratic transformation, repatriation of refugees, definition of a special status of the Trans-Dniester region;
- initiate a visible CSCE presence in the region and establish contacts with all parties to the conflict, local authorities and local populations;

Mission Area

The Mission will establish offices in Bendery and/or Tiraspol and operate predominantly in the Left-Bank Dniester areas of the Republic of Moldova, with headquarters established in Chisinau.

Co-operation and Co-ordination

Pursuant to information received by the Chairman-in-Office and upon her direction the Head of Mission will establish appropriate contacts with representatives of the United Nations and other international organizations with an active interest in contributing to the resolution of the conflict, on co-ordination and co-operation with the Mission. The Mission will co-operate and liaise with representatives of the existing trilateral and quadripartite mechanisms established to deal with the conflict.

Size and Composition

The Mission will be composed initially of 8 members, taking into account the need for administrative and other experts. The Head of Mission will be appointed by the Chairman-in-Office. The other members of the Mission will be appointed by the Head of Mission. All participating States are eligible to participate in the Mission.

Chain of Command and Oversight

The Head of the Mission will report to the Chairman-in-Office on a regular basis, as a rule every two weeks. The reports will then immediately be distributed to all participating States through the CPC Secretariat. The CSO Vienna Group will provide overall guidance to the Mission taking into account the reports from the Head of Mission. The CSO Vienna Group will also keep under continuous review the political and practical requirements for successful fulfillment of mission objectives, in particular the need to ensure the full co-operation of the conflicting parties. The Head of Mission will be invited to report in person to a meeting of the CSO Vienna Group at a date decided by the Chairman-in-Office.

Conditions of Service

Provisions ensuring the safety and freedom of movement of the Mission members, access to local authorities, local military commanders and local populations as well as privileges and immunities will be included in the Memorandum of Understanding and other agreements to be negotiated by the Head of Mission, with appropriate authorities. Administrative Support The administrative support in despatching and ensuring proper functioning of the Mission will be provided by the operational cell of the CPC Secretariat. Duration of the Mission The Mission will operate for an initial period of six months. The question of extension of the duration of the Mission beyond the initial period, as well as revision of the mandate, size and financial requirements will be decided by the CSO or, on a preliminary basis, the CSO Vienna Group.

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5. Decisions:

(k) The Committee gave final approval of the terms of reference for the CSCE Mission to the Republic of Moldova (see CSO Vienna Group/Journal No.7)

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DECISION No. 329

The Permanent Council decides to:

- extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until 30 June 2000; and
- to expand the scope of the present mandate, in accordance with paragraph 19 of the Istanbul Summit Declaration, in terms of ensuring transparency of the removal and destruction of Russian ammunition and armaments and co-ordination of financial and technical assistance offered to facilitate withdrawal and destruction. In this context, the Permanent Council welcomes the establishment in the OSCE Secretariat of a fund for voluntary financial assistance as mentioned in paragraph 19 of the Summit Declaration;
- task the Secretary General to present an outline with regard to any possible administrative implications from the implementation of this mandate expansion.