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DECISION No. 637
ENHANCED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE) AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (CoE)

The Permanent Council,

Acknowledging the commonality of aims of the OSCE and the Council of Europe as laid down in the Charter for European Security and other OSCE agreed documents and decisions, as well as in the statutory provisions of the Council of Europe,

Recalling the Platform for Co-operative Security and the pledge by participating States to further strengthen and develop co-operation between the OSCE and the other international organizations and institutions, thereby making better use of the resources of the international community,

Recognizing in this respect the importance of the multifaceted co-operation with the Council of Europe, which brings together European countries on the basis of their shared commitment to democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights,

Welcoming the OSCE and the Council of Europe common determination to strengthen their co-operation in pursuing the strategic objective of building a continent without dividing lines,

Reaffirming the importance of involving the OSCE participating States and the CoE member States more actively in enhancing the co-operation between the two organizations,

Acknowledging that both organizations, based on their comparative advantages and distinctive tasks, recognize that there is scope for enhanced co-operation to ensure that the CoE and the OSCE complement and reinforce each other to fully meet the expectations of the OSCE participating States and the CoE member States, and to avoid unnecessary duplication,

Decides to establish a Co-ordination Group consisting of Permanent Representatives from the Troika of the OSCE (preceding, current and incoming Chairmanship of the OSCE), the current and incoming chair of the CoE, open to Permanent Representatives of the countries in the Bureau of the CoE, the chair of the CoE GR-OSCE, as well as representatives from the Secretariats of the two organizations;