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DECISION No. 852
MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN TAJIKISTAN

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account the work carried out since the establishment of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan in 1994, and subsequently the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe in 2002, and also taking into account the substantial changes in the socio-political and socio-economic life of the country during recent years, as well as the willingness of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan to further strengthen co-operation with the OSCE,

Recalling the decision of the CSCE Rome Council Meeting (1993), the Istanbul Document of 1999 (Charter for European Security), and the decisions of the Permanent Council No. 59 (PC.DEC/59) of 6 July 1995, No. 109 (PC.DEC/109) of 29 February 1996, No. 459 (PC.DEC/459) of 21 December 2001 and No. 500 (PC.DEC/500/Corr.1) of 31 October 2002,

Acknowledging the Organization's role as a primary instrument for early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post conflict rehabilitation in the OSCE area, and the approach of the OSCE to the conduct of activities to promote OSCE principles and commitments, thereby contributing to efforts to enhance comprehensive and regional security and stability,

Decides that:

1. The OSCE Office in Tajikistan will perform the following tasks:
 - To promote the implementation of OSCE principles and commitments as well as the co-operation of the Republic of Tajikistan within the OSCE framework, with special emphasis on the regional context, in all OSCE dimensions, including the economic, environmental, human and political aspects of security and stability;
 - To assist the Republic of Tajikistan in the development of common approaches to problems and threats to security, taking into account the commitments of the Republic of Tajikistan to contribute to stability and security, to prevent conflicts and take measures for crisis management, as well as in the areas of, *inter alia*, police-related activities, border management and security and anti-trafficking;

- To support the efforts of the Republic of Tajikistan to fully develop the economic and environmental dimension and implement commitments stipulated in the Helsinki Final Act and other documents of the Organization, *inter alia* in the fields of free trade, the improvement of business contacts and possibilities, the development of energy and transport, investments, scientific and technical exchanges, the protection of the environment and good governance with a special emphasis on the regional context;
 - To assist the Republic of Tajikistan in the human dimension to fully implement its commitments, *inter alia*, promoting ways and means for the OSCE to assist in the development of a legal framework and democratic political institutions and processes including the respect for human rights;
 - To facilitate contacts and promote information exchange with the Chairman-in-Office and OSCE bodies;
 - To co-operate with local authorities, institutions, and international organizations and NGOs;
 - To liaise and co-operate closely with the other OSCE field operations in the region in order to maintain coherence of the regional approach of the OSCE;
 - To continue efforts in building national capacity and expertise within its area of responsibility in order to facilitate an efficient transfer of tasks to the Republic of Tajikistan;
2. The activities of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan are conducted on the basis of mutual understanding and are carried out on the basis of common agreement. The OSCE Office in Tajikistan will perform its tasks and activities with full respect for the national legislation of Tajikistan, and report on them in a transparent manner;
3. The Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan is appointed in accordance with the Staff Rules and Regulations;
4. The juridical aspects of the OSCE presence in Tajikistan shall be specified in an agreement, to be signed between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the OSCE;
5. The OSCE field offices, presently located in Khujand, Kurgan-Tyube, Garm, Kulyab and Shaartuz, will continue their activities in accordance with the present mandate until 31 December 2008. The OSCE Office in Tajikistan may adjust the locations of the field offices in agreement with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan;
6. The current mandate will apply until 31 December 2008. The prolongation and any changes of the mandate will be for one year and subject to a new decision of the Permanent Council.