

**118th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 170**

The Permanent Council,

Having considered the background report of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan on the issue of refugees (REF.SEC/316/97 Restr.) as well as the request of the Mission for the augmentation of its capacity in this context and the corresponding financial implications,

Recalling its Decision No. 150, paragraph 7, providing a contingency allocation of ATS 3,000,000 in the budget line for the Mission to Tajikistan for the possible establishment of two additional branch offices,

- Approves the augmentation of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan by three international staff members; and
- Further approves, in this context, the release of ATS 2,994,260 from the budget line for the Mission to Tajikistan on the understanding that the possible establishment of two additional branch offices later in 1997 would be initiated within available resources of the relevant budget line.