

39th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 78

The Permanent Council,

Having taken note of the reports by the OSCE Assistance Group in Grozny,

- Expresses its serious concern over the increasing tension in Grozny and other parts of Chechnya;
- Condemns the terrorist attack against General Romanov, commander of the Russian forces in Chechnya;
- Also condemns the terrorist attack against the building of the OSCE Assistance Group in Grozny and attempts to intimidate members of the Group;
- Calls upon all political forces in the Chechen Republic to exercise the utmost restraint and expresses its hope that the Russian Federal authorities will take necessary steps for the continuation of the political process aimed at a peaceful and democratic solution of the crisis;
- Emphasizes that the continued co-operation of the central authorities, local officials and military commanders, as well as all political forces in the Chechen Republic, is a measure of their will to restore stability and democracy in the region through peaceful means;
- Calls upon all parties to ensure free and safe movement of the Assistance Group's members throughout the Chechen Republic as a key condition for the fulfilment of the Group's mandate;
- Reaffirms the readiness of the OSCE to provide assistance to a peaceful settlement of the crisis on the basis of OSCE principles, while respecting the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation and its Constitution.