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**DECISION No. 1426  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 30 June 2022.

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Attachment 1

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER  
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND  
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the United Kingdom:

“Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the United Kingdom would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

We recall our resolute support to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including its territorial waters. We strongly condemn Russia’s illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which the United Kingdom will not recognize. We join our international partners in reiterating that the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including Crimea.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.”

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By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“Having joined the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the Russian Federation proceeds on the basis that the Co-ordinator’s geographical scope of activity is meant to fully reflect the political and legal realities that have existed since 21 March 2014, namely that the Republic of Crimea and the federal city of Sevastopol became integral parts of the Russian Federation. Accordingly, the Co-ordinator’s activities, including project activities, do not apply to these constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

As far as the Ukrainian authorities’ observance of democratic principles, human rights and the rule of law is concerned, the current situation remains extremely unsatisfactory and continues to deteriorate; the problems involved are of a systemic nature. In view of the protracted conflict in eastern Ukraine caused by the military operation being conducted by the Ukrainian Government against the population of Donbas, and given also the range of pressing internal problems besetting Ukraine, there is a need for active efforts by the Co-ordinator and effective work together with the host State authorities to remedy the situation, notably with regard to respect for the rights of the Russian-speaking inhabitants of the country and members of national minorities, and with regard to ensuring the rule of law. We will assess the effectiveness of the Co-ordinator’s work on the basis of concrete results.

We hold that all the Co-ordinator’s activities should be carried out in strict accordance with the *acquis* of OSCE documents. We note the inadmissibility of promoting standards that have not been endorsed by the OSCE, which could lead to the utility of any further work by this field operation being called into question. We recall that the Co-ordinator embodies, in his or her activities, the collective will of all the OSCE participating States without exception – above all, in the interests of ensuring that Ukraine duly respects OSCE principles and commitments.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.”

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By the delegation of Ukraine:

“Madam Chairperson,

In connection with adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which are an integral part of Ukraine, were illegally occupied and subjected to attempted annexation by the Russian Federation in violation of the OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders are safeguarded by the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine and norms of international law.

The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders was reconfirmed by the UN General Assembly resolutions 68/262 ‘Territorial integrity of Ukraine’ of 27 March 2014, 71/205 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)’ of 19 December 2016, 72/190 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 19 December 2017, 73/263 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 22 December 2018, 74/168 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 18 December 2019 and 75/192 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 16 December 2020, as well as by the resolution 73/194 ‘The problem of the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov’ adopted on 17 December 2018, 74/17 ‘The problem of the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov’ adopted on 9 December 2019, 75/29 ‘The problem of the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov’ adopted on 7 December 2020 and 76/70 ‘The problem of the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov’ adopted on 9 December 2021.

Ukraine emphasizes that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to this decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.”

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By the delegation of Turkey:

“Madam Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

‘Turkey reiterates that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea, which Turkey continues to regard as part of Ukraine.’

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

Thank you.”

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By the delegation of the United States of America:

“Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

In connection with the adoption of the decision for the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the United States joins the other speakers here today in making the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States notes that Crimea remains an integral and internationally recognized part of Ukraine, despite Russia’s attempted annexation. The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire territory of Ukraine within its international recognized borders, including Crimea.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.”

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The delegation of Slovenia, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

The European Union stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.”



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By the delegation of Canada:

“Madam Chairperson,

Canada wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure in connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, as with the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea. In this context, we wish to reiterate our full support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. Crimea remains an integral and internationally recognized part of Ukraine. Canada, like the vast majority of participating States, has not and will not recognize the illegal annexation of Ukraine’s Autonomous Republic of Crimea by the Russian Federation.

Canada requests that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”