



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
Ministerial Council**

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**DECISION No. 3/08  
PERIODS OF SERVICE OF THE OSCE SECRETARY GENERAL**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling the decision of the Third Meeting of the CSCE Ministerial Council in Stockholm in 1992 to establish the post of Secretary General and Ministerial Council Decision No. 15/04 of 7 December 2004 (MC.DEC/15/04) on the role of the OSCE Secretary General,

Taking into account the strengthened role and responsibilities of the Secretary General in providing continuity and facilitating the long-term planning of OSCE activities,

Aiming to further improve the effectiveness of the OSCE and ensure consistent implementation of the OSCE rules governing periods of service,

Decides that the OSCE Secretary General shall be appointed for a term of three years, which may be extended for a second and final term of three years.