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The Permanent Council decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje until 30 June 1997.

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

“The OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission in the Republic of Macedonia with headquarters in Skopje, established in September 1992, has helped to prevent spreading the war into the Republic of Macedonia and towards the southern part of the region. This was in fact its mandate.

Good co-operation and co-ordination of activities between the OSCE Mission and the UN preventive deployment forces, UNPREDEP, as well as with the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, have helped to a certain extent to overcome the overlapping of the activities of these two missions and have also contributed to implementation of the Republic of Macedonia’s peaceful policy.

However, despite the substantial improvement of security in the region that followed the signing of the Dayton/Paris agreement and the normalization of relations among States successors to the former SFRY subsequent thereto, the situation in the region has not yet been stabilized.

The Republic of Macedonia has accordingly recommended that the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission be extended on the existing terms, the present number of mission members being adequate for accomplishing its tasks.

Since the stabilization of relations among the States signatories to the Dayton Agreement is expected to have a favourable effect on the wider region, and in view of the commitments of the wider community, the necessity of transforming the OSCE Mission from an extraordinary or *ad hoc* mechanism into a proper mechanism for regional action has occurred.

Many current initiatives in the military, political, economic, human and other dimensions such as the UN resolutions on good-neighbourly relations, the Pact on Stability, the Royaumont process, the Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, the negotiations foreseen under Article V of Annex 1-B of the Dayton Agreement, the meeting of the Balkan Foreign Ministers and so on would seem to indicate that this is a direction to take. It is our firm belief that the OSCE Mission in the Republic of Macedonia is eminently well qualified, owing to its position, to serve as a focal point for more successful realization of these initiatives.

The forthcoming six months of the Mission’s operation must be used for completing all necessary consultations so that the OSCE Mission can be transformed into a regional office for South Eastern Europe by 30 June 1997. The delegation of the Republic of Macedonia to the OSCE is prepared to co-operate with all interested delegations in the realization of this project.

The delegation of the Republic of Macedonia wishes this statement to be recorded in the journal of the day.”