

1083rd Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 1196
SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016–2017**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 1072 of 7 February 2013 on the Scales of Contributions for 2013–2015,

Acknowledging the work done in the Informal Working Group (IWG) on Scales of Contributions,

Taking note of the report of the Chairperson of the IWG on the Scales of Contributions (PC.DEL/1260/15),

1. Approves, as a provisional measure, the standard and field operations Scales of Contributions as contained in the annex, from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016. The standard and field operations Scales of Contributions as contained in the annex shall be automatically extended for one subsequent period of 12 months, unless a participating State objects in writing to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council by 1 October 2016;
2. Tasks the OSCE Chairmanship to continue the work of the open-ended Informal Working Group on Scales of Contributions in 2016 with the same tasks as stipulated in Permanent Council Decision No. 1072. With the aim of intensifying its work, the meetings of the open-ended Informal Working Group will take place at least once a month, starting no later than February 2016;
3. The IWG shall be led by a Chairperson appointed by the OSCE Chairmanship and shall perform its tasks in accordance with the Permanent Council Decision No. 1072, also through consultations with capitals;
4. Tasks the IWG and its Chairperson to submit to a reinforced Permanent Council by 1 June 2016 the concrete recommendations for the revised Scales of Contributions for the period 2017–2019. The recommendations shall be made in accordance with Permanent Council Decision No. 1072.

THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016–2017

Participating State	Standard scale per cent for 2016–2017	Field operation scale per cent for 2016–2017
Albania	0.125	0.020
Germany	9.350	12.060
United States of America	11.500	14.000
Andorra	0.125	0.020
Armenia	0.050	0.020
Austria	2.510	2.160
Azerbaijan	0.050	0.020
Belarus	0.280	0.040
Belgium	3.240	3.420
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.125	0.020
Bulgaria	0.550	0.050
Canada	5.530	5.340
Cyprus	0.190	0.110
Croatia	0.190	0.110
Denmark	2.100	2.050
Spain	4.580	5.000
Estonia	0.190	0.020
Finland	1.850	1.980
France	9.350	11.090
Georgia	0.050	0.020
United Kingdom	9.350	11.090
Greece	0.980	0.730
Hungary	0.600	0.380
Ireland	0.750	0.790
Iceland	0.190	0.090
Italy	9.350	11.090
Kazakhstan	0.360	0.060
Kyrgyzstan	0.050	0.020
Latvia	0.190	0.025
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.125	0.020
Liechtenstein	0.125	0.020
Lithuania	0.190	0.025
Luxembourg	0.470	0.250

THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016–2017 (continued)

Participating State	Standard scale per cent for 2016–2017	Field operation scale per cent for 2016–2017
Malta	0.125	0.025
Moldova	0.050	0.020
Monaco	0.125	0.020
Mongolia	0.050	0.020
Montenegro	0.050	0.020
Norway	2.050	2.070
Uzbekistan	0.350	0.050
Netherlands	4.360	3.570
Poland	1.350	1.050
Portugal	0.980	0.560
Romania	0.600	0.120
Russian Federation	6.000	2.500
San Marino	0.125	0.020
Holy See	0.125	0.020
Serbia	0.140	0.020
Slovakia	0.280	0.150
Slovenia	0.220	0.175
Sweden	3.240	3.410
Switzerland	2.810	2.720
Tajikistan	0.050	0.020
Czech Republic	0.570	0.420
Turkmenistan	0.050	0.020
Turkey	1.010	0.750
Ukraine	0.680	0.140
Total	100.055	100.030

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Attachment 1

ENGLISH
Original: FRENCH

**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 Belgium (also on behalf of France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom):

“We thank the Serbian Chairmanship for its efforts and skill in ensuring the adoption of the Permanent Council decision regarding the continuation of our work on the necessary reform of the OSCE scales of contributions.

We have joined the consensus so as not to obstruct the adoption of this decision but would like to recall once again the following points.

The current scales provisionally renewed for 2016 are unfair and unjustified. They need to be revised as quickly as possible because they are not based on a rational system and need to be adapted to the economic situation in accordance with a fair cost distribution model.

We support the aim of arriving at a system permitting a simple, systematic and annual revision of contributions that reflects the economic and budgetary situation of the participating States and takes account of their ability to pay. Scales on the basis of a purely political agreement are a glaring anomaly not found in international organizations and are not tenable. They call into question the credibility of the OSCE as a regional organization under Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations.

The work on a revision of the scales to be resumed in 2016 is based on the proposals made by Ambassador Peter Maddens in May 2015. These can certainly be further developed, modified and supplemented, but they ought not to be abandoned. Dialogue should be resumed as soon as possible, and we trust that it will bear fruit, as provided for in the decision, by 1 October 2016.

The Chairperson of the Informal Working Group will need to ensure that the revision process is credible and that it makes progress and produces results quickly. To that end he will have to hold consultations of sufficient breadth and intensity both in Vienna and in the various capitals.

We should like to inform the Permanent Council that we shall be able to accept the continued renewal of the current scales in 2017 if and only if sufficient and sufficiently credible progress has been made by 1 October 2016 as specified by the Chairmanship.

Spain, France, Italy, the United Kingdom and Belgium invite the incoming German Chairmanship to take account of these considerations in the full implementation of the decision adopted by the Permanent Council.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and to the journal of the day.”

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Attachment 2

Original: ENGLISH

**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 States of America:

“The United States wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A) 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

In joining consensus on a rollover for the Scales of Contributions, the United States has made no commitment to any increases in the U.S. contribution beyond this period. Furthermore, when the Scales of Contribution are opened up, the United States will insist on going down on both the Helsinki and Vienna scales.

Permanent Council Decision No. 408, adopted in 2001, established a 14 per cent ceiling for the field operations (Vienna) scale. The logic behind that ceiling remains valid, and we see no reason for changing it. We recall the significance of the concept of shared responsibilities (for both the Helsinki and Vienna scales) during the forty years since the Helsinki Accords were signed and intend to participate in discussions on that basis. Moreover, it remains our view that all the criteria applied to these scales remain of equal weight.

The United States requests that this statement be recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

**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 Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the PC decision on the scales of contributions for 2016–2017, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The delegation of Ukraine would like to extend sincere gratitude to Ambassador Peter Maddens for his dedicated work as Chairperson of the open-ended Informal OSCE Working Group on the Scales of Contributions.

Ukraine has joined the consensus on the draft decision on the rollover of the Scales of Contributions for 2016–2017, sharing the importance of providing the Organization with necessary means to enable it to fulfil its core functions in the most effective and efficient manner.

From Ukraine’s perspective, the Scales of Contributions have to fully reflect the actual economic realities in the OSCE participating States and be established in accordance with the principle of capacity to pay which should be based on the most current comprehensive and comparable United Nations data available for gross national income. Ukraine presently contributes to the OSCE budget noticeably larger than under the UN Scale and more than a good number of countries with a higher national income.

In the spirit of compromise, Ukraine agrees with this provisional measure with the hope that the future Scales of Contributions will be established in accordance with the principle of capacity to pay, based on the UN criteria for contributions.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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Attachment 4

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**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 Russian Federation (also on behalf of Belarus):

“In joining the consensus on the Permanent Council decision on the Scales of Contributions for 2016–2017, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus would like to make the following statement.

Like a number of other participating States, our countries have proposed extending the existing scales of contributions for the period 2016 to 2018 on the assumption that this would make it possible to stabilize the OSCE’s financial and budgetary activities. It would also take into account the current difficult global economic situation.

As for resuming the work of the open-ended Informal Working Group on Scales of Contributions in February of next year, we believe it necessary to point out that recommendations on new scales of contributions can be elaborated only on the basis of consensus on this question. In that connection, Russia and Belarus are guided by the unique political character of the OSCE and the dual system of contributions at the level established in 2007 in accordance with the Organization’s special features. This system is fully in line with the existence of a large number of OSCE field presences, whose financing must be calculated according to a separate scale of contributions.

We request that this statement be appended to the decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day.”