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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE  
STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR FREDERICKA GREGORY  
ON THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTION  
775<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
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Madame Chairperson,

Thanks to the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance for her mid-term report and recommendations on the OSCE Scales of Contribution for 2010-2012.

This is a challenging issue, made more complex by the current financial crisis. It represents more than simply how much each of our countries are billed every year. Underlying this issue are the principles of cost-sharing and the political nature of our Organization. This organization belongs to all of us, so we all need to share the benefits and the costs.

As there is no consensus agreement on a set of scales for the next three year period, we see merit in extending the application of the current scales. This would give us sufficient time to carry out substantive discussions among delegations which would lead to the establishment of our scales of contribution for several years.

Notably, we are keen on moving towards a unified or single scale of contributions. This would remove complexities in the financial management of this organization for participating States and would address the irritant that some participating States contributions can increase or decrease even when in a situation of a stable scale and a stable overall Unified Budget.

Thank you