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DECISION No. 1129 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 1117 of 21 March 2014 on the deployment of an OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine,

Taking into account the request of the Government of Ukraine for the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (CIO.GAL/114/14 of 10 July 2014),

Decides:

- 1. To extend the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine for a further six months beyond the expiration of its current mandate on 20 September 2014;
- 2. To approve the arrangements as well as the financial and human resources for the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine as contained in document PC.ACMF/24/14 for the period of the mandate extension covered by this decision. In this respect, authorizes the allocation of EUR 4,650,000 from the 2013 cash surplus, the assessment of EUR 4,858,000 on the basis of the field operation scale, with the remaining balance being financed through voluntary contributions.

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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 Ukraine:

Mr. Chairperson,

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.

"Ukraine expresses its gratitude to the OSCE participating States for the positive response to the request of the Government of Ukraine to extend the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission for the next period of six months.

The Government of Ukraine regards the adoption of this decision as the response of the Organization to assist the country in countering the severe consequences of the aggression pursued by the Russian Federation against Ukraine in breach of imperative norms of international law, the Helsinki Final Act, bilateral and multilateral agreements, which guarantee Ukraine's territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and non-intervention in internal affairs of Ukraine.

In view of the current developments in the eastern regions of Ukraine, we underline the need for resumption of the Special Monitoring Mission full operation in the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, reinforced also by employing the necessary technical means to effectively monitor the situation in the buffer zone adjacent to the border as part of broader efforts to stop inflow of weapons and militants into Ukraine.

The Government of Ukraine reiterates its original interpretative statement appended to the Permanent Council Decision No. 1117 of 21 March 2014 which remains in force. The mandate of the mission covers the entire 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 the decision and recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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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 States of America:

In connection with the decision to extend the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, the United States would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

"The United States welcomes the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine. In so doing, we reaffirm the interpretative statement we made on 21 March, upon adoption of the mandate, under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure, and we note that that interpretative statement remains in force. We remind the Permanent Council of the key elements of that statement.

- The United States reaffirms our firm commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.
- We note that that the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine has a mandate to work throughout Ukraine, including in Crimea.
- We note that all participating States must co-operate with the Special Monitoring Mission and should take no actions to obstruct its access to Crimea or any other region of Ukraine.

In addition to recalling those key elements of our interpretative statement – a statement that remains in effect with the renewal of this mandate – we would also like to use this opportunity to offer our gratitude to all monitors, staff, and leadership of the Special Monitoring Mission. Some of the conditions that they have faced have been difficult and at times unacceptable – in particular that monitors of this Mission were kidnapped and held hostage for more than one month. Their kidnapping serves to remind us all of the particular challenges and risks these devoted professionals face as they monitor ongoing actions by the Russian Federation that contravene OSCE principles and commitments in Ukraine. We call upon the Russian Federation to cease providing weapons, financing, and fighters to the separatists. In addition to de-escalating the crisis, those measures will improve the safety in which the Special Monitoring Mission monitors should be operating."

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

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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 Canada:

Mr. Chairperson,

Canada wishes to make an interpretative statement under Paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure in connection with the PC Decision on the Extension of the Mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine.

"Canada welcomes the adoption of this decision, which will ensure continued objective reporting on the ground, particularly in eastern Ukraine. We thank the Swiss Chairmanship for its efforts in facilitating this extension.

As we noted when the Permanent Council adopted the Special Monitoring Mission's mandate in March, we reiterate our full support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally-recognized borders. OSCE monitors should be granted 'safe and secure access throughout Ukraine', as defined by the Constitution of Ukraine.

In this respect, we also reiterate that we will not recognize Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea."

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

Thank you.

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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 Russian Federation:

"In joining the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, the Russian Federation proceeds from the assumption that the geographical area of deployment and activities of the mission in question is strictly limited by the parameters of its mandate approved by Permanent Council Decision No. 1117 of 21 March 2014, which reflects the political and legal realities existing at that time as a result of the fact that the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol are an integral part of the Russian Federation.

Russian experts are prepared to continue participating in the work of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine in the interests of national reconciliation and the maintenance of peace, stability and security for all the country's residents."

I request that this statement be attached to the decision adopted and included as an attachment to the journal of the day.