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DECISION No. 203

Recalling its Decision No. 145, the Permanent Council decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina until 31 December 1998.

The Permanent Council notes

- the commitment of the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to fully implement the obligations under Annex 3 of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and
- the request of the 1997 Bonn Peace Implementation Conference to the OSCE to extend the mandate of the Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to supervise elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1998.

The Permanent Council decides that the Mission shall maintain the necessary level of presence and involvement in the electoral process in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1998 as well as in the implementation of the results of the 1997 municipal elections.

Furthermore, the Mission will continue activities within the fields of human rights, democratization, media development and regional stabilization in close co-ordination with other organizations active in these fields.

The Permanent Council notes the 1998 budget proposal for OSCE tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina and tasks the informal Financial Committee with considering this proposal.

Furthermore the Permanent Council tasks the Mission with preparing a supplementary draft budget for the electoral tasks not covered in the 1998 budget proposal for OSCE tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina.