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**DECISION No. 450
GEOGRAPHICAL EXPANSION OF THE
BORDER MONITORING OPERATION OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 334 of 15 December 1999 and Decision No. 2 of the Ninth Ministerial Council of 4 December 2001, concerning the expansion of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia to observe and report on movement across the border between Georgia and the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation,

- Decides to further expand the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia to observe and report on movement across the border between Georgia and the Ingush Republic of the Russian Federation, both by vehicle and on foot, and for this purpose to increase the present size of the Border Monitoring Operation of the Mission to up to 42 international personnel during the winter period and to 54 during the summer period. The OSCE monitors will be unarmed and will have no enforcement responsibilities. They will act with full respect for the sovereignty of the Georgian authorities on their borders, without taking over any of their responsibilities;
- Further decides that the monitoring activities by the OSCE Mission to Georgia along the border between Georgia and the Ingush Republic of the Russian Federation will be conducted until 31 December 2002;
- Adopts a budget for this expansion of operation in the amount of EUR 1,890,100. This budget covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2002 and will be implemented in accordance with the proposal submitted by the Secretary General on 10 December 2001 (PC.IFC/148/01);
- Takes note of the assurances given by the Georgian Government that it will provide security for the OSCE border monitors involved in this operation and ensure their freedom of movement. These assurances are an indispensable element of the present decision.