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**DECISION No. 719
DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Decides that the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 2 to 13 October 2006.

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS

By the Delegation of the Republic of Belarus:

“In connection with the adoption of the decision on the dates of the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in 2006, our delegation would like to make the following statement:

The delegation of the Republic of Belarus, in a spirit of compromise, has found it possible to join the consensus reached on the decision on the dates of the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

At the same time, we believe that the numerous consultations and exchanges of opinions on the dates, duration and content of this meeting have demonstrated that there are significant shortcomings in the current modalities for such meetings.

We take the position that in line with the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues approved by Permanent Council Decision No. 476 “the Permanent Council may, in the light of the experience gained, decide to make additional adjustments to the arrangements set out in the annexes, with a view to strengthening the effectiveness and attraction of the human dimension meetings further”.

We also note Decision No. 17/05 of the Ljubljana Ministerial Council on Strengthening the Effectiveness of the OSCE, in accordance with which the Permanent Council has been authorized to continue work on reforming the OSCE and submit a report to the Ministerial Council in 2006, among other things, on “considering ways to improve the planning and efficiency of OSCE conferences”.

We welcome the statement made today by the Belgian Chairmanship and confirm our readiness to consider the entire set of questions concerning the modalities for OSCE human dimension meetings in the context of the work to reform the OSCE. Consideration should be given to the question of the dates and venue of such events, reducing their duration, content, regulating “side events” and also the optimum utilization of the Organization’s budgetary resources and lessening the financial consequences for delegations.

We hope that a decision on this matter will be adopted at the Ministerial Council meeting in Brussels this year. In that connection, we urge the Belgian Chairmanship to formulate without delay an appropriate format for discussions on the reform of the OSCE and to hold the relevant consultations. We assume that all subsequent decisions concerning the

OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in 2007 will be made with strict regard for these consultations and the decisions adopted on that basis.

Mr. Chairman,

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