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**DECISION No. 1238
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK**

The Permanent Council,

Decides:

1. To extend the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek until 30 April 2017;
2. To rename the “OSCE Centre in Bishkek” to “OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek” starting from 1 May 2017;
3. The new mandate for the “OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek” will be negotiated, to enter into force as of 1 May 2017.

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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 Kyrgyzstan:

“Kyrgyzstan has joined the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek for four months until 30 April 2017. We note the contribution by the German and Austrian Chairmanships to the achievement of consensus on the draft decision.

We reiterate the determination of the Kyrgyz Republic to revise the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek, transforming it into the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek. In accordance with paragraph 41 of the Charter for European Security of the Istanbul Document 1999, the activities of a field operation are aimed primarily at building national capacity and expertise with a view to the gradual transfer of its functions to the host countries. Accordingly, the mandate of the future OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek should be in line with the real needs of the host country and consistent with its priorities.

We look forward to constructive dialogue and respect for the position of the host country with regard to the mandate of the future OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, which should be agreed upon prior to 30 April 2017.

I request that this statement be appended to the decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day.”