

162nd Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 222

1. In accordance with decisions reached at the Copenhagen Ministerial Council Meeting, the Permanent Council meeting at its reinforced session on 27 March 1998 decides to hold the next OSCE Summit Meeting in summer-autumn 1999.
2. Bearing this in mind, participating States commit themselves to work actively towards achieving a Document-Charter on European Security which would be substantial, beneficial to all and worthy to be submitted to their Heads of State or Government.
3. The next OSCE Ministerial Council Meeting, which will be held in December 1998 in Oslo, will, in the course of reviewing overall OSCE activities, evaluate the progress made towards this goal. That Meeting will determine the precise date of the OSCE Summit Meeting.

Chairman's Statement

It is the understanding of the Chair that a common understanding is emerging, though not yet consensus, on the question of the venue of the next OSCE Summit, as referred to in Decision No. 6 of the Copenhagen Ministerial Council Meeting 1997.

The Chair takes note of the commitment of all participating States at the reinforced Permanent Council meeting to take the final decision on the venue of the next Summit as well as its more precise timing by mid-May 1998.

This Statement is being made in the context of the reinforced Permanent Council meeting decision on the next OSCE Summit.

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the Delegation of United Kingdom-European Union:

“The European Union can support this decision; and the Chairman’s Statement which in effect defers a decision on the precise timing of the next OSCE Summit until some time between now and mid-May 1998.

The European Union maintains the position that it is in favour of the next OSCE Summit taking place in the second half of 1999.”