



**445th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 537  
GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF PARTNER FOR CO-OPERATION  
TO AFGHANISTAN**

The Permanent Council,

Noting with appreciation the letter by the Foreign Minister of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan, dated 18 February 2003 (CIO.GAL/13/03) requesting that Afghanistan be granted the status of a Partner for Co-operation,

Noting with satisfaction Afghanistan's intentions towards sharing the principles, values and goals of the OSCE and the interest of Afghanistan in establishing close relations with the OSCE based on exchanges of views and information on various issues of mutual interest and participation in OSCE meetings and activities,

Noting also that Afghanistan shares common borders with three OSCE participating States and has mutual security interests with them as well as with other OSCE States,

Recalling PC Decision No. 430, dated 19 July 2001 on taking note and welcoming the report on recommendations concerning future applications for partnership (PC.DEL/344/01/Rev.3),

Recalling the proposal of President Rakhmonov of Tajikistan on 19 February 2002 to invite Afghanistan to become a Partner for Co-operation,

Decides:

- To welcome Afghanistan as a Partner for Co-operation;
- To invite Afghanistan to the meetings of Heads of State or Government, to Review Conferences, and to meetings of the Ministerial Council;
- To invite Afghanistan to Human Dimension Implementation Meetings and Supplementary Human Dimension Meetings in accordance with PC Decision No. 476 of 23 May 2002;
- To invite Afghanistan to the meetings of the Economic Forum and the Annual Security Review Conference;

- To invite Afghanistan on a case-by-case basis to OSCE seminars and ad hoc meetings on subjects which are of mutual interest;
- To further invite Afghanistan to be involved in other OSCE events on the same terms as the existing partner States;
- To request the Secretary General and the Chairmanship-in-Office to make arrangements for regular exchanges of views and information between the OSCE and Afghanistan, including access to official OSCE documents, on various matters of mutual interest and possibilities for co-operation.

The Permanent Council will review the above decision in light of experience and any other procedures that may be developed concerning relations with Partners for Co-operation.