

1032nd Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 1157
REVISED FINANCING MODALITIES FOR THE SPECIAL
MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decisions No. 1117 of 21 March 2014 and No. 1129 of 22 July 2014 on the deployment of an OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine,

Decides to approve the revised arrangements as well as the financial and human resources for the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine as contained in document PC.ACMF/50/14/Rev.1 for the period of the mandate extension covered by Decision No. 1129. In this respect, authorizes the assessment of 10,000,000 euros on the basis of the field operation scale;

Tasks the Chief Monitor, as Fund Manager, to administer the Special Fund in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Staff Regulations and Staff Rules and to report to the ACMF on the implementation of the Special Fund on a quarterly basis;

Encourages the Fund Manager to take all necessary measures in order to improve efficiency and to achieve cost savings in the relevant components of the Special Fund.

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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 the Russian Federation:

“We appreciate the work of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (SMM). It carries out a large number of important tasks contained in its mandate and also in the Minsk agreements of 5 and 19 September 2014. This applies in particular to monitoring compliance with the ceasefire regime at the line of separation and the withdrawal from it by the conflicting parties of heavy armaments. At the same time, attention to other regions of Ukraine should not be allowed to slacken. The observers there and in the south eastern regions should be equipped with all necessary facilities to enable them to fulfil the tasks within the Mission’s mandate, especially the monitoring of the human rights of national minorities.

We endorse the view regarding the importance of providing the SMM with all necessary financial and material resources, including those required to deal with the priority issues of reducing risks to the safety of personnel. We are willing to continue helping to strengthen the SMM, in particular through the assignment to it of highly qualified observers and the provision of the necessary technical infrastructure. The Mission currently has around 20 Russian members working in it. To date Russia has made a voluntary contribution of around 600,000 euros to assist the Mission.

The additional budget of around 10 million provided for in today’s decision of the Permanent Council should be used sensibly without any unjustified expenditures. This is particularly important in today’s complicated economic situation. We trust that in future the heads of the SMM and the OSCE Secretariat will consider further requests for financing more rigorously. The justification for the planned expenditures and requests for additional resources should be subject to scrupulous analysis, and they should be presented to the participating States in good time. There should be no automatic fast-tracked increases in expenditures.

We request that this statement be attached to the decision and included as an annex to the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.

Thank you for your attention.”