

150th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 213/Corrected Reissue*

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations (DOC.PC/1/96) as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996, and

Acting in accordance with Decision No. 207 as approved by the Permanent Council on 16 December 1997,

1. Approves the budget for OSCE tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the financial year 1998 in the total amount of ATS 322,774,048, as contained in the Annex;
2. Commends the Mission's efforts to develop local capacity and promote reliable local institutions in the areas of human rights, democratization and media development, hence ensuring sustainability and self-reliance of local bodies and making possible a gradual transfer of tasks, including the financing of the activities in the above-mentioned fields, from the Mission to the Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities; in this context, welcomes the efforts of the Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities to fulfil their commitment to take on their responsibilities as illustrated by the pledge by the Federation Government to allocate USD 200,000 for the activities of Federation Ombudsmen, and requests the Head of Mission to submit a report to the Permanent Council on progress achieved in this respect, not later than 1 July 1998;
3. Welcomes the Mission's intention to ensure closer co-operation with other international organizations and NGOs and to develop common projects, with the aims of increasing the effectiveness of the international effort and avoiding duplication of activities, and requests the Head of Mission to submit a report to the Permanent Council on progress achieved in this respect, not later than 1 July 1998;
4. Requests the Head of Mission to report on a regular basis to the Permanent Council on the state of implementation of the democratization, media development and human rights programmes of the Mission, and, in support of this process, requests that a review of the Mission's human rights and democratization programmes take place within the calendar year;
5. Tasks the Mission with increasing its efforts to find new sources of financing for the Free Elections Radio Network (FERN), *inter alia* through attracting commercial

* Incorporates amendment regarding point 5.

involvement, and decides that ATS 9,330,300 will be allocated to finance its activities until 30 September 1998, that the participating States will be initially billed their respective shares of the sum of ATS 5,172,300 and that the billing of the remaining balance of ATS 2,981,310 for FERN's activities after 31 July 1998 will only take place if by this date the above-mentioned process is not concluded;

6. Calls upon participating States, partners for co-operation, Mediterranean partners for co-operation and other States, as well as international organizations and institutions, to consider making further contributions for the purpose of partial financing of the Mission's activities; such voluntary contributions may be used for financing of democratization and media development projects of the Mission, including the Free Elections Radio Network project;
7. Agrees that, due to the special nature of the work, the Secretariat may recruit a Legal Adviser from 1 September 1998 for the purpose of assisting the Special Representative for Article V of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, while recognizing that such recruitment should only take place if no suitable secondment can be provided by participating States before 1 June 1998;
8. Agrees that, in view of the particular circumstances, the Secretariat may recruit a Diplomatic/Military Adviser from 1 May 1998 for the sole purpose of advising the Special Representative for Article V of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the course of his activities, while recognizing that such recruitment should only take place if no suitable secondment can be provided by participating States before 15 March 1998.

Budget for OSCE tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina
(1 January to 31 December 1998)

	ATS	ATS
THE MISSION		
Major Cost Categories		
Staff costs (including war risk insurance)	49,351,561	
Travel costs + DSA	95,264,681	
Other services and utilities	117,415,267	
Representation	1,350,000	
Investment costs	3,656,520	
Supplies	<u>8,322,300</u>	
TOTAL FOR THE MISSION		275,360,329
FEDERATION OMBUDSMEN		14,186,180
OMBUDSMEN IN THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA		3,065,019
REGIONAL STABILIZATION		16,616,326
SECRETARIAT AUGMENTATION		10,350,411
ODIHR AUGMENTATION		0
ALLOWANCE FOR UNFORESEEN EXPENSES		<u>3,195,783</u>
GRAND TOTAL		322,774,048