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**DECISION No. 447
REACHING AN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON THE HELSINKI
SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS/Corrected reissue***

The Permanent Council,

Reaffirming the timely payments by the OSCE participating States to the Budget of the Organization constitute a core element of its effective functioning and implementation of its tasks,

Noting the concerns of a number of OSCE participating States over the system of distribution of contributions,

Decides that, taking into account the Perception Paper of the Chairman of the open-ended Working Group on the Helsinki Scale of Assessments (PC.IFC/136/01), it will seek to reach an interim agreement on this scale of assessment of the OSCE as soon as possible.

* Amended by the addition of an attachment to the decision.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Spain:

“In connection with the decision that has just been adopted by the OSCE Permanent Council, the Delegation of Spain wishes to make the following statement:

- This decision does not in itself imply the assumption by Spain of any additional commitment in relation to the OSCE budget for 2002 and subsequent years.
- We undertake to continue studying in the same constructive spirit as always, within the informal Financial Committee, possible amendments to the Helsinki Scale, but this does not in any way imply acceptance by Spain of the proposals contained in the Perception Paper drawn up by the Chairman of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Helsinki Scale of Assessment (document PC.IFC/136/01 of 21 November).
- The Spanish position was clearly stated at the meeting of the above-mentioned Working Group held on 12 October this year (document PC.IFC/113/01 of that date).

Spain requests that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.”

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By the Delegations of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine:

“Considering the decision on the revision of the Helsinki Scale of Assessments (PC.DEC/447) adopted at the Permanent Council meeting on 4 December 2001, our delegations would like to reiterate our position of principle, according to which we will not agree to adopt an OSCE budget for 2002 before the Permanent Council takes a decision on the new Scale of Assessments.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
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By the Delegation of the Greece:

“In connection with the decision that has just been adopted by the OSCE Permanent Council, the Delegation of Greece wishes to make the following statement:

- This decision does not in itself imply the assumption by Greece of any additional commitment in relation to the OSCE budget for 2002 and subsequent years.
- We undertake to continue studying, in the same constructive spirit as always, within the informal Financial Committee, possible amendments to the Helsinki Scale, but this does not in any way imply acceptance by Greece of the proposals contained in the Perception Paper by the Chairman of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Helsinki Scale of Assessments (document PC.IFC/136/01 of 21 November).

Greece requests that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.”