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**DECISION No. 1244
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE OFFICE IN TAJIKISTAN**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan until 30 June 2017.

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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 Tajikistan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan the delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Tajikistan appreciates co-operation with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and its support to the country in implementation the OSCE principles and commitments.

Currently discussion on a new mandate of the OSCE presence in Tajikistan continues. In this regard, the Tajik side highly appreciates efforts of the previous German Chairmanship and current Austrian Chairmanship to facilitate this process through the appointment of Ambassador Markus Müller as a special envoy for the work of the field operations in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Taking into account that during mandate negotiations the activities of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan has been suspended, in order to restore an appropriate function of the Office, the Tajik side has decided to extend the current mandate until 30 June 2017.

Tajikistan expresses the willingness to establish an open, constructive and fruitful dialogue with the all parties interested in further discussions on changes of the existing mandate of the OSCE presence in the country. The delegation of Tajikistan calls on participating States to reciprocate this, to be flexible during discussions and consultations and relies on smooth and timely adoption of the new mandate.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”