

31st Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 31, Agenda item 1

DECISION No. 63

The Permanent Council,

In accordance with the Budapest Summit Declaration and the relevant provisions of the Budapest Decision,

Pursuant to the Pact on Stability in Europe, adopted at the Paris Conference on 20-21 March 1995, and

Referring to the decision of the Permanent Council of 23 March 1995,

Undertakes the follow-up of the Pact on Stability and adopts the following decision:

1. The Parties to the agreements or arrangements referred to in the list of the Pact on Stability are requested to submit the texts to the OSCE Secretariat, which will register them. The text of such agreements or arrangements will be transmitted in the original language or languages. If possible, the Parties will also provide:
 - a summary of the agreement or arrangement in an official language of the OSCE,
 - an unofficial translation, jointly agreed upon, of the agreement or arrangement into an official language of the OSCE.

This will be done without prejudice to a generally applicable procedure that may be introduced for the registration of international instruments with the OSCE Secretariat.

2. Any other freely negotiated bilateral or multilateral agreement or arrangement entered into by participating States of the OSCE and meeting the aims and the spirit of the Pact on Stability will, after notification of the Permanent Council and upon the request of all the Parties to that agreement or arrangement, be included in the Pact and added to the OSCE Secretariat Register. The practical modalities of paragraph 1 will also apply.
3. The Secretariat will inform the participating States of all agreements or arrangements thus registered and provide the summary, when available, to all. At the request of any participating State, it will also make available a copy of the full text. A list of all registered agreements or arrangements will be circulated periodically to all OSCE States.

4. The instruments and procedures of the OSCE will be at the disposal of the participating States in cases that would require OSCE involvement with regard to the observance of OSCE principles and commitments in the implementation of the above-mentioned agreements or arrangements.
5. The participating States parties to the agreement or arrangement included in the Pact on Stability, may, if they mutually agree, request the OSCE to assist them in an appropriate manner in the implementation of the agreement or arrangement.
6. In light of experience gained in preparation for and during the Paris Conference, through, *inter alia*, the setting up of two regional round tables, the Permanent Council considers such a method of working to be useful for addressing regional issues and for promoting the objectives of the Pact on Stability and of the OSCE.
7. The States that participated in the two regional round tables of the Pact on Stability may, if they so agree, meet again within the OSCE framework in order, as appropriate, to follow up the work done in the context of the Pact on Stability and to carry forward their efforts in promoting their good-neighbourly relations. In that case, the Chairman-in-Office is tasked with reporting regularly to the Permanent Council on the work of the aforementioned regional round tables.
8. Participants in projects aimed at facilitating the reaching and putting into effect of agreements and measures for the promotion of good-neighbourly relations in the framework of the Pact on Stability are invited to inform the Permanent Council periodically about ongoing or new projects and their implementation.
9. The Chairman-in-Office is tasked with furthering the use of regional round tables in the OSCE by carrying out appropriate consultations and will report to the Permanent Council on the goals, modalities and agenda of possible future regional tables.
10. Unless otherwise decided by the States participating in the round tables, the Chairman-in-Office will chair the meetings of the round tables referred to in paragraphs 7 and 9 above.
11. The Chairman-in-Office may ask another member of the Troika to carry out the tasks referred to paragraphs 7, 9 and 10 above.
12. The next Ministerial Council of the OSCE will be informed of the progress achieved so far under the Pact on Stability and invited to endorse the general thrust of this work. Further opportunities to review and give impetus to the work will be provided by the 1996 Review Meeting and Summit.

Interpretative statements under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of Poland:

“According to the formulation of paragraph 7 of the decision the term ‘States that participated in the two regional round tables of the Pact on Stability’ should be understood as covering all States that participated in their activities, i.e. the States concerned, the States invited, the European Union countries as well as observer States to the regional round tables.”

By the delegation of Turkey:

“The Delegation of Turkey agrees that, as mentioned in para. 6 of the Decision, the establishment of regional round tables is a useful method of working for addressing regional issues and for promoting the objectives of the Pact on Stability and of the OSCE.

We believe however that the format adopted for the Stability Pact cannot be considered as a model or precedent for the future working methods or arrangements which the OSCE might follow for regional issues, including in particular with regard to the representation of individual countries and participation of regional States.”