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DECISION No. 15

Deplores the tragic event that took place on 17 February 1995 in Tetovo leading to the death of one person and the wounding of several others,

Reaffirming its support for the territorial integrity, the sovereignty and the stability of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the role participating States of the OSCE can play in this regard,

The Permanent Council

Welcomes the attitude of the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as well as representatives of the Albanian community which contributed to the defusion of potential tensions;

Calls upon all parties to exercise restraint, to strengthen the dialogue and to maintain an open-minded attitude in order to facilitate the overcoming of the problems in accordance with the constitutional order of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and respect for OSCE principles and commitments;

Expresses in this context its high appreciation for the positive role played by the High Commissioner on National Minorities and for the work of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje;

Encourages the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to implement the High Commissioner's recommendations and reaffirms the readiness of the OSCE, in particular the High Commissioner on National Minorities and the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje, to contribute to the alleviation of remaining tensions and to promote dialogue and mutual understanding on solving all outstanding issues.

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

By the delegation of Albania:

“The delegation of the Republic of Albania to the OSCE expresses its satisfaction and high appreciation of the OSCE engagement, through its institutions and mechanisms, in seriously dealing with the tragic events that took place in Tetovo, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on 17 February 1995. We express our high appreciation also for the contribution it is making to defuse tensions, promote dialogue and mutual understanding in order to solve all outstanding problems in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

In this light the Albanian delegation warmly thanks all the delegations, in particular the European Union and its Presidency, the United States of America and the Russian Federation for their role in making possible the adoption of a welcome decision today. The delegation of Albania maintains, at the same time, that the way in which this decision was taken and, thereby, the difficulties encountered, were because it was not taken in line with the ‘Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations’, known as the Blue Book, paragraph 54. This delegation states that the way this decision was taken will not and should not create a precedent in taking future decisions. We kindly request that this Statement is recorded in the Journal of the Meeting.”