

121st Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 176

The Permanent Council decides to

- Pursue OSCE tasks in the Republic of Croatia on the basis of PC Decision No. 112 of 18 April 1996, as amended by this Decision;
- Reaffirm the availability of all OSCE institutions to assist in the development of democratic institutions, processes and mechanisms;
- Authorize the Mission:
 - To assist with and to monitor implementation of Croatian legislation and agreements and commitments entered into by the Croatian Government on:
 - Two-way return of all refugees and displaced persons and on protection of their rights, and
 - The protection of persons belonging to national minorities;
 - To make specific recommendations to the Croatian authorities and refer, as appropriate, urgent issues to the Permanent Council;
- Build up Mission personnel, starting July 1997, to a ceiling of 250 expatriates with a view to full deployment by 15 January 1998. The personnel will be deployed by decision of the Head of Mission;
- Extend the mandate of the reinforced OSCE Mission for a period until 31 December 1998. Prolongation and changes of mandate will be subject to a new decision by the Permanent Council.

The Permanent Council takes note of the agreement between the Croatian authorities and the Chairman-in-Office to consider this Decision as having the effect of amending the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the Government of Croatia and the OSCE.

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Annex

ENGLISH

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

By the delegation of Belgium:

“Belgium understands the fourth paragraph of the decision we have just taken on Croatia during the present meeting of the Permanent Council as meaning, notably, deployment in Eastern Slavonia in response to the decisions which the Security Council of the United Nations will have to take regarding the United Nations Transitional Administration in Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES).”