
14th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 14, Point 5(a)**DECISION No. 31**

The Permanent Council

Welcomes the Report of the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office, Ambassador István Gyarmati, and his mission (see REF.CIO/1/95);

Deeply regrets the continuing gross violations of human rights in the region of the Chechen crisis;

Calls for an early cessation of hostilities and for the full restoration and protection of human rights;

Reaffirms that the tasks and operational modalities of the OSCE Assistance Group will be established according to the understanding reached with the Russian authorities as contained in the Report of the Personal Representative;

Confirms that, at its next meeting, the Permanent Council will consider a mandate in conformity with these understandings and with the intent to take a decision;

Welcomes the fact that agreement has been reached to make efforts to deploy the Assistance Group by mid-April, and

Welcomes the co-operation of the Russian Federation and its commitment, reported by the mission, to the establishment of this OSCE Assistance Group;

Reaffirms that technical details of the deployment of the Group should correspond to the proposal of the Personal Representative as contained in his Report.