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The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the OSCE Financial Regulations (DOC.PC/1/96) as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996,

Recalling its Decision No. 186 and Decision No. 190, and

Taking note of the preliminary information provided by the Secretary General on the availability of funds from the Voluntary Fund to support OSCE Action for Peace, Democracy and Stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the purpose of partial financing of the supervision and monitoring of Republika Srpska National Assembly elections,

- Approves the budget for OSCE supervision and monitoring of the 1997 National Assembly elections in Republika Srpska in the amount of ATS 155,170,502, as set out in Annex 1, which will proceed on the basis of the Concept Paper contained in the paper entitled "Supervision and Monitoring of the 1997 National Assembly Elections in Republika Srpska. Cost Estimates" circulated by the Secretary General on 13 October 1997 (PC.IFC/9/97 Restr.);

- Decides that all available funds from the Voluntary Fund to support OSCE Action for Peace, Democracy and Stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be used for financing of the expenses related to supervision and monitoring of the election mentioned above and that any residual expenses for the supervision and monitoring of these elections will be financed in accordance with the regular OSCE scale of distribution;

- Tasks the Secretary General with submitting to the Permanent Council through the informal Financial Committee, not later than 6 November 1997, detailed information on the availability of funds from the Voluntary Fund to support OSCE Action for Peace, Democracy and Stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the purpose of partial financing of the supervision and monitoring of Republika Srpska National Assembly elections and requests the OSCE Troika to release all the available funds without delay.

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Annex 1

Budget for the supervision and monitoring of
National Assembly elections in Republika Srpska

Project Number	Project/Subproject	Project Costs as estimated by the Mission USD	Project Costs as estimated by the Mission ATS (12.9)
A-1	Political party services	33,438	431,350
A-2	Election supervision		
A-2.1	Election supervision operation costs	292,073	3,767,742
A-2.2	Personnel for supervision of polling stations	1,695,197	21,868,041
A-2.3	Transportation of polling supervisors	1,233,500	15,912,150
A-2.4	Supervision - Communications and other equipment	192,300	2,480,670
A-3	Core supervisors	421,103	5,432,229
A-4	International trainers	62,759	809,591
A-5	Out of country supervisors	424,222	5,472,464
A-6	Out of country voting	995,871	12,846,736
A-7	Election services		
A-7.1	Ballot production	150,000	1,935,000
A-7.2	Polling station kits	174,302	2,248,496
A-7.3	Absentee voting - voter kits	105,000	1,354,500
A-7.4	Operational cost	180,838	2,332,810
A-8	Local election commission	1,080,921	13,943,881
A-9	Polling station committee funding	489,943	6,320,265
A-10	Local core trainers and local trainers	243,493	3,141,060
A-11	Joint Election Operations Centre - JEOC	9,911	127,852
A-12	Training	57,520	742,008
A-13	Voter information programme	850,550	10,972,095
A-14	Information technology	23,811	307,162
A-15	PEC	18,602	239,966
A-16	Media centre	31,932	411,923
A-17	Election appeal sub-commission	24,966	322,061
A-18	Contingency account	300,000	3,870,000
A-19	Election operation costs		
A-19.1	International staff per diem	360,000	4,644,000
A-19.2	Local staff salaries	26,741	344,959
A-19.3	Field office operations	52,528	677,611
A-19.4	Office supply	150,000	1,935,000
A-19.5	Additional office rental	48,800	629,520

Project Number	Project/Subproject	Project Costs as estimated by the Mission USD	Project Costs as estimated by the Mission ATS (12.9)
A-20	SFOR support	450,000	5,805,000
A-21	Political party campaign finance fund	800,000	10,320,000
A-22	SFOR - helicopter transport	500,000	6,450,000
A-23	Election observation	548,400	7,074,360
	TOTAL PROJECT COST	12,028,721	155,170,502

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Annex 2

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

By the delegation of Luxembourg-European Union:

"With regard to the decision adopted today by the Permanent Council concerning the financing of the OSCE supervision of the National Assembly elections in the Republika Srpska entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is the understanding of the European Union that this decision, which foresees that a substantial amount of the adopted budget will be financed from voluntary contributions, does not set any precedent regarding the release of voluntary contributions. The release of voluntary contributions should, as a rule, not be subject to the OSCE budgetary decision-making process."