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DECISION No. 305

The Permanent Council,

Referring to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999 and to the report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 12 June 1999 (S/1999/672),

Determined that the OSCE will contribute to the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1244, in particular the relevant parts of operative paragraph 11 of this resolution,

Decides that:

- The transitional OSCE Task Force for Kosovo, established by the Permanent Council on 8 June (PC.DEC/296) will cease to exist from 1 July 1999;
- The OSCE Mission in Kosovo is established from the same date.

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo will constitute a distinct component within the overall framework of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK).

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo will, within this overall framework, take the lead role in matters relating to institution- and democracy-building and human rights. It will co-operate closely with other relevant organizations - intergovernmental and, as appropriate, non-governmental - in the planning and implementation of its tasks.

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo will concentrate its work in the following interrelated areas:

1. Human resources capacity-building, including the training of a new Kosovo police service within a Kosovo Police School which it will establish and operate, the training of judicial personnel and the training of civil administrators at various levels, in co-operation, *inter alia*, with the Council of Europe;
2. Democratization and governance, including the development of a civil society, non-governmental organizations, political parties and local media;
3. Organization and supervision of elections;

4. Monitoring, protection and promotion of human rights, including, *inter alia*, the establishment of an Ombudsman institution, in co-operation, *inter alia*, with the UNHCHR;
5. Such tasks which may be requested by the Secretary-General of the United Nations or his Special Representative, which are consistent with the UNSC Resolution 1244 and approved by the Permanent Council.

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo will in its work be guided by the importance of bringing about mutual respect and reconciliation among all ethnic groups in Kosovo and of establishing a viable multi-ethnic society where the rights of each citizen are fully and equally respected.

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo will be established for an initial period until 10 June 2000, with the possibility of prolongations as decided by the Permanent Council.

The Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo will be appointed by the Chairman-in-Office and will report to the Chairman-in-Office and to the Permanent Council in accordance with established OSCE rules and procedures. The Head of Mission will assist the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his tasks.

The Permanent Council requests the Secretary General urgently to present a budget proposal for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

Pending a decision on the budget for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, the Permanent Council tasks the Secretary General to take all measures necessary for the closure of the OSCE Task Force, and authorizes him to transfer resources previously allocated to the OSCE Task Force to the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and:

- (a) To incur obligations to the extent required for the fulfilment of the tasks of the OSCE Mission, but not exceeding the residual portion of the spending authority previously granted, following the implementation of all necessary measures to close the OSCE Task Force;
- (b) To continue making use of the existing Post Table authorized by Permanent Council Decisions Nos. 266 and 282;
- (c) To make use of the physical assets previously acquired for the use of the OSCE Task Force.