
387th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 468
REVISED STANDARD SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the 1992 Helsinki Summit Decision No. 12 (the Helsinki Document 1992, Chapter XII), the 1997 Copenhagen Ministerial Council Decision No. 8 (MC(6).DEC/8) and the Vienna Ministerial Council Decision No. 6 (MC(8).DEC/6) on reviewing the OSCE scale of assessments and criteria for financing OSCE activities,

Recalling the Istanbul Summit Declaration (paragraph 44) and relevant decisions of the OSCE Permanent Council, in particular PC.DEC/408/Corr.1 of 5 April 2001,

1. Approves the attached Standard Scales of Contributions, which will apply retroactively from 1 January 2002 until 31 December 2002, and from 1 January 2003 until 31 December 2004 respectively (Annex), to expenditure other than that covered by the Vienna Scale of Contributions in accordance with PC.DEC/408/Corr.1 of 5 April 2001, and replace the scale decided at the 1992 Helsinki Summit;
2. Decides that, as an exceptional measure, the OSCE Mission to Croatia will be funded in 2002 through the application of the Scale of Contributions, as established by PC.DEC/408/Corr.1 of 5 April 2001;
3. Decides that the threshold of application for the Vienna Scale of Contributions shall be amended as follows:
 - As of 1 January 2003: €6 million;
 - As of 1 January 2004: €0 million;
4. Decides to instruct the Informal Financial Committee (IFC) to open discussions immediately on the methodology which should be used to establish a new standard Scale of Contributions to fund OSCE activities other than missions and field operations, which is to be applied as of 1 January 2005. This methodology should take account of the following criteria:
 - Capacity to pay taking into account the United Nations criteria of contributions;
 - The political nature of the Organization;

- A ceiling on the contribution of any one participating State;
- A floor on the contribution of any one participating State;
- Revision of the Scale every three years based on the above criteria and the current United Nations adjusted GNP figures.

The IFC should report on progress made to the Permanent Council by 1 October 2002.

**DECISION ON A
REVISED STANDARD SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

OSCE Standard Scale of Contribution

Participating State	Standard Scale 2002	Standard Scale 2003-2004
Albania	0.19	0.19
Germany	9.10	9.10
United States of America	9.00	9.00
Andorra	0.125	0.125
Armenia	0.15	0.11
Austria	2.05	2.30
Azerbaijan	0.15	0.11
Belarus	0.58	0.51
Belgium	3.55	3.55
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.19	0.19
Bulgaria	0.55	0.55
Canada	5.45	5.45
Cyprus	0.19	0.19
Croatia	0.19	0.19
Denmark	2.05	2.05
Spain	3.80	4.00
Estonia	0.19	0.19
Finland	2.05	2.05
France	9.10	9.10
Georgia	0.17	0.11
United Kingdom	9.10	9.10
Greece	0.70	0.85
Hungary	0.70	0.70

Participating State	Standard Scale 2002	Standard Scale 2003-2004
Ireland	0.55	0.65
Iceland	0.19	0.19
Italy	9.10	9.10
Kazakhstan	0.475	0.42
Kyrgyzstan	0.15	0.11
Latvia	0.19	0.19
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.19	0.19
Liechtenstein	0.125	0.125
Lithuania	0.19	0.19
Luxembourg	0.55	0.55
Malta	0.125	0.125
Moldova	0.17	0.11
Monaco	0.125	0.125
Norway	2.05	2.25
Uzbekistan	0.475	0.41
Netherlands	3.80	3.80
Poland	1.40	1.40
Portugal	0.85	0.85
Romania	0.70	0.70
Russian Federation	9.00	9.00
San Marino	0.125	0.125
Holy See	0.125	0.125
Slovakia	0.33	0.33
Slovenia	0.19	0.19
Sweden	3.55	3.55
Switzerland	2.30	2.45
Tajikistan	0.15	0.11
Czech Republic	0.67	0.67

Participating State	Standard Scale 2002	Standard Scale 2003-2004
Turkmenistan	0.15	0.11
Turkey	1.00	1.00
Ukraine	1.49	0.95
New Member:		
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	<u>0.19</u>	<u>0.19</u>
All participating States	100.00	100.00

PC.DEC/468
11 April 2002
Attachment 1

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

“In connection with the decision on a revised standard scale of contributions, of 11 April 2002, the Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia would like to state that the constitutional name of the country is the Republic of Macedonia.

The Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia requests that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day.”

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Attachment 2

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Kazakhstan:

“We welcome the fact that for the first time in ten years an attempt is being made to implement the decision of the OSCE’s 1992 Helsinki Summit on periodic review of the Scale of Contributions to the OSCE.

In connection with the adoption of the OSCE Permanent Council Decision on a revised Standard Scale of Contributions, we should like to reiterate the basic position of the Republic of Kazakhstan on this matter: the scale or scales of contributions to the OSCE should be based on United Nations criteria and take into account, first and foremost, the ability of participating States to pay.

This decision does not constitute an overall review of the Helsinki Scale on the basis of any particular method. We have agreed to it because it provides not only for a gradual reduction of the part of the budget financed in accordance with the Standard Scale, by lowering the threshold between large and small missions, but also for a consistent reduction of the excessively high contributions paid under the Helsinki Scale by 11 States, including Kazakhstan. This being so, it represents a step towards the introduction of a more just principle for the distribution of expenses which, as we hope, will begin to be applied in 2005 to the entire OSCE budget.

We should like to express our gratitude to the 12 States which accepted an increase in their share under the Helsinki Scale, in particular Norway and Switzerland. We are grateful to the delegations of Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway, and to Ambassador Kai Eide personally, for their enormous contribution to the success of this complex negotiation process.”

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Attachment 3

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Turkey:

“In connection with the decision just adopted on a revised standard scale of contributions (PC.DEC/468), I would like to state that Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia under its constitutional name.

I would like to request that this interpretative statement be attached to the Journal of the day and the decision.”

PC.DEC/468
11 April 2002
Attachment 4

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
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FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Bulgaria:

“In connection with the decision just adopted on a revised standard scale of contributions (PC.DEC/468), I would like to state that Bulgaria recognizes the Republic of Macedonia under its constitutional name.

I would like to request that this interpretative statement be attached to the Journal of the day and the decision.”

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11 April 2002
Attachment 5

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
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By the Delegation of Norway:

“We are, of course, pleased to be able to be of assistance in closing the final gap, and thereby facilitating the adoption of the revised standard scale of contributions and the budget for 2002. I have, however, been instructed to emphasize that our readiness to increase our share at this stage cannot in any way be seen as constituting a precedent for future discussions on the scale of contributions.

I would ask you, Mr. Chairman, to attach this statement to the journal of the day.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Spain on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic:

“The EU welcomes the adoption of the long overdue decision on the OSCE Budget for 2002, as well as the decision on a revised standard scale of contributions. We regret that it has taken three months to adopt the budget. Through increased efforts and concessions on the part of the EU Member States and others, in particular Norway and Switzerland, financial relief has been provided to many participating States. We expect that these contributions and the resulting stability on this front will be of benefit to the functioning of the Organization. This delay has been damaging, and we welcome the fact that the agreement on scales covers three years, as this will provide a period of stability.

The EU also welcomes the agreement formalized within this budget decision to adopt a supplementary budget for the organization and supervision of municipal elections in Kosovo. On the basis of the decision we have adopted today, the understanding of the EU is that this work should be concluded in the very near future. The EU stresses that any further delays, for whatever reason, would only increase the cost to the OSCE of organizing these elections.

The EU praises the achievements of the Secretariat and encourages the Secretary General to continue work on financial and staff regulations, on measures to further strengthen the management of the OSCE and streamline the budgetary process. The EU would be very much in favour of the adoption by the Permanent Council of a decision on these important subjects. The EU looks forward to beginning work on these issues immediately so that results can be achieved at the earliest possible date.

We express our sincere hope that those participating States that have not yet paid the assessed contribution will now take advantage of the relief provided to do so in the future.

Mr. Chairman,

The European Union particularly wants to praise, at this stage, all the efforts made by the Portuguese Chairmanship in this exercise, efforts which have now led to a successful conclusion.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I request that this statement be attached to the Journal of the day in relation to the two decisions on a revised standard scale of contributions and on the Unified 2002 Budget.”

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11 April 2002
Attachment 7

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Turkey:

“Now that the decision on the Unified 2002 Budget and the decision on a revised standard scale of contribution have been adopted, I would first of all like to express my Delegation’s appreciation to all who have contributed to this welcome though belated outcome.

On the other hand, I also would like to register my Delegation’s uneasiness and concern about the manner in which the two decisions have been handled and in fact linked with each other by some. I hope this practice will not constitute a precedent.

Furthermore, I would like to reiterate that our interpretative statement annexed to Permanent Council Decision No. 408 is still valid. It is the conviction of this Delegation that the percentage contributions of Turkey under both the Standard and the Vienna scales of contribution are not in line with the principle of capacity to pay. This point will guide us in future deliberations on the establishment of new scales.

I would like to request that this statement be attached to the Journal of the day.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
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By the Delegation of the United States:

“The United States would like to commend the Chair for the perseverance it has shown in forging consensus on the two decisions we have just adopted. We also want to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary General and his staff for the professional integrity and dedication they demonstrated repeatedly under very challenging circumstances.

The decision on scales, through an adjustment of the Standard Scale, as well as a lowering of the threshold under the Vienna Scale, will provide real financial relief for the majority of OSCE States. Norway and Switzerland deserve special praise for the role they assumed, commendably, in helping to produce final agreement on these decisions.

Mr. Chairman, it is worth noting for the record that adoption of these two decisions, including agreement to adopt a supplementary budget for the organization and supervision of elections in Kosovo and agreement on a Standard Scale to apply until 2005, provides this Organization with the kind of long-term stability we need to move ahead in addressing many important matters that have been neglected in recent months.

The United States is prepared to enter into a frank discussion about developing a methodology for the Standard Scale to apply starting in 2005.

However, we urge that we also build on the stability and momentum created by adoption of these decisions today to move forward in addressing the kinds of issues, including expeditious adoption of a supplemental Kosovo elections budget, that will produce concrete improvements in our ability to meet our collective commitments and responsibilities.

Mr. Chairman, I request that this statement be attached to the Journal of the day.”