

233rd Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 296/Corrected reissue*

The Permanent Council decides that:

The OSCE Kosovo Verification Mission will cease to exist from 9 June 1999. From the same date a transitional OSCE Task Force for Kosovo will be established, pending a decision on future tasks for the OSCE in Kosovo. The tasks of the OSCE Task Force will be the following:

- To prepare for the deployment to Kosovo of available and relevant OSCE assets as soon as this may be required;
- To assist in planning and preparation for new tasks which the OSCE may take on as part of a new international presence in Kosovo;
- To carry out preparatory visits and activities in Kosovo in order to facilitate the entry of a future OSCE Mission to Kosovo as soon as conditions allow;
- To co-operate, as required, with the UN and other international organizations in on-going activities relevant to possible future OSCE tasks in Kosovo, in particular registration and documentation of refugees;
- To continue assessing the human rights situation in Kosovo.

The Permanent Council tasks the Secretary General to take all measures necessary for the closure of the KVM, and authorizes him to transfer resources previously allocated to the KVM to the OSCE Task Force and:

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

* Incorporates amendment regarding date of issue.