

Delegation of the Russian Federation

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**In response to the report by the Chairperson of the Informal Working
Group on Scales of Contributions**

Mr. Chairperson,

We have listened attentively to the report by Ambassador Peter Maddens on the activities of the informal working group headed by him and created by a Permanent Council decision in February 2013 to draft proposals for new scales of contributions and methods for their calculation. Its tasks also included helping to build consensus on these questions, without which it will be impossible to switch to the new system.

At its meetings, the working group considered various ideas for unified OSCE Scales of Contributions and examples of the methods used in other international organizations for determining such scales of contributions. We thank Ambassador Maddens for his important work and specific proposals, which have been examined carefully by Russian experts. The discussions have failed to produce consensus on these proposals, however. Russia and several other participating States are in favour of maintaining the present dual system.

In determining our position, we have examined all factors, both economic and political. Our considerations have taken into account the unique political character of the OSCE and the current dual system of contributions at the level established in 2007 in accordance with the Organization's special features. In particular, this includes the existence of a large number of OSCE field presences, whose financing must be calculated according to a separate scale.

In view of this situation, we propose, along with a number of other participating States, that the present scales of contributions be maintained for the period 2016–2018. When the necessary conditions come about, we shall be willing to take up discussion of this topic again.

Thank you for your attention.