

28th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 59

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its decision of 9 March 1995 and the Chairman's Statement on the situation in Tajikistan made at the 22nd Meeting of the Permanent Council,

Taking into account recent developments with regard to the efforts aimed at the solution of the Tajik crisis by political means, including the inter-Tajik talks,

Taking note of the report prepared by the Director of the ODIHR, Ambassador Audrey Glover (REF.PC/113/95 Restr.), and the report on the financial and organizational implications prepared by the Secretariat (REF.PC/323/95/Rev.1 Restr.),

Having considered the financial implications submitted by the informal Financial Committee of Experts and acting on the understanding that the UNHCR will provide the OSCE Mission with equipment free of charge as outlined in Annex 3 to document REF.PC/323/95/Rev.1,

On the basis of the existing mandate of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan, in particular para 4.2 of the Decisions of the Rome Council Meeting, and with a view to intensifying OSCE action in co-ordination with other international organizations, in support of political reconciliation, democracy-building and the protection of human rights,

Requests the Mission to follow the human rights situation of returning refugees and internally displaced persons in Tajikistan, to draw the attention of the Tajik authorities on relevant problems relating to these groups, with a view to facilitating their reintegration into Tajik society, and to report on this matter on a regular basis;

Welcomes the Tajik authorities' intention to establish an independent institution for the protection of human rights in Tajikistan and asks the ODIHR to continue to provide advice and the Mission to report in this respect;

Decides temporarily to increase the authorized strength of the Mission to seven members and to open three branch offices of the Mission, initially for a six-month period, in Kurgan-Tube, Shaartua and Dusti;

Tasks the informal Financial Committee of Experts with submitting to the Permanent Council a draft revised budget for the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan reflecting the financial implications of this decision. Should the initial offer of the UNHCR not be confirmed and the financial implications increase, the informal Financial Committee will report to the Permanent Council which will review this decision.

This decision will also be reviewed after six months and can be extended if the need for the three branch offices and related additional mission personnel still remains.