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DECISION No. 145

1. The mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina is extended until 31 December 1997, building upon the decision of the Budapest 1995 Ministerial Meeting and in accordance with the guiding principles for civilian consolidation of the Peace Process, as decided at the Paris Meeting of the Ministerial Steering Board and of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 14 November 1996.
2. Taking into consideration the role of the High Representative as defined in the Peace Agreement and in the conclusions of the Paris Meeting as well as the need to co-operate with other international actors, the Mission will concentrate on continuing to provide assistance for the preparation and conduct of municipal elections in 1997 and, when appropriate, to provide assistance in the establishment of a permanent election commission, in accordance with Annex 3 of the Peace Agreement, with respect to the elections scheduled to close the consolidation period. The precise modalities of this assistance will have to be further determined.
3. The Mission will assist in democracy building and be active in human rights promotion and monitoring, in particular in support of the Ombudspersons throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. It will continue assisting the Parties in the implementation of regional stabilization measures.
4. The Head of Mission will co-ordinate closely with the Chairman-in-Office and report to the Permanent Council regularly, at least every two months. The Permanent Council will review the mandate of the Mission by 15 November 1997 in view of its possible extension in the framework of the two-year consolidation period.
5. The Permanent Council notes the Secretary General's communication of 18 November (REF.SEC/698/96 Restr.) and the need for the Permanent Council to adopt a budget as soon as possible, asks the Secretary General to work further on the financial implications of the above mandate, and tasks the informal Financial Committee with considering urgently the financing of the OSCE's tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1997.

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of Albania:

“Bearing in mind the fact that the draft decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina in its present form was forwarded today for adoption, and aware of the high political importance of this decision and the urgency with which we have to proceed to its adoption, the Albanian delegation, in a spirit of constructive co-operation, approves the draft decision on the following understanding:

It interprets the last sentence of paragraph 3 to mean assisting the signatory parties in the implementation of the relevant regional stabilization measures which they have accepted, without prejudice to the right of any other participating State to take appropriate positions regarding regional stabilization measures other than those currently under way, measures which may be carried out only among States subject to international law.”