

**940th Plenary Meeting**  
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**DECISION No. 1072  
SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013–2015**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 1027 of 22 December 2011 on the Scales of Contributions for 2012,

Acknowledging the work done in the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance to build consensus on a revision of the OSCE Scales of Contributions,

Noting the reports of the Chairmanship to the Permanent Council on the implementation of Permanent Council Decision No. 1027 on the Scales of Contributions for 2012 (CIO.GAL/66/12, PC.ACMF/34/12),

Reaffirming the need for a stronger application of the principle of fair geographical distribution in recruiting staff,

Bearing in mind that the changing economic and financial situation in the OSCE area affects substantially the national budgets of participating States,

Regretting the absence of a regular mechanism to revise the Scales of Contributions according to economic conditions,

Determined to work out an agreed and sustainable formula for the future revisions of the Scales of Contributions,

Reaffirming the principle that all participating States should in good faith fulfill their financial obligations towards the OSCE, including the settlement of arrears,

1. Approves the standard and field operations Scales of Contributions as contained in the annex, from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015;
2. Decides to undertake a comprehensive review of all elements and criteria with regard to the Scales of Contributions in an effective and expeditious manner with a view to a decision on future Scales of Contributions before December 2015, and for this purpose;

3. Tasks the OSCE Chairmanship to establish an open-ended, informal OSCE working group, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE, in particular paragraphs II(A)8–10 and paragraphs V(B)1–5;

The informal working group shall be led by a Chairperson appointed annually by the OSCE Chairmanship and shall perform the following tasks:

- To prepare a proposal for Scales of Contributions on the basis of reliable, verifiable and comparable data;
- To elaborate recommendations on a method of calculation for a periodic revision of the Scales of Contributions;
- To help build consensus for the adoption of revised Scales of Contributions and their periodic revision mechanism;

The recommendations of the informal working group to the Permanent Council shall be made, *inter alia*, in accordance with the following criteria:

- Gradual application of the principle of capacity to pay, based on the United Nations criteria for contributions;
- Political nature of the Organization;
- Revised level of the ceiling in the field operations scale for the contribution of any one participating State;
- A floor for the contribution of any one participating State;
- Revision of the scales every three years based on the above criteria and the current United Nations adjusted GNI figures;

4. Decides that the informal working group will start its work no later than March 2013;

5. Tasks the informal working group to provide respective progress reports to the Permanent Council by December 2013 and by December 2014, and to submit to the Permanent Council by 1 October 2015 the recommendations for the revised Scales of Contributions for the period covering 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.

### THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013–2015

<b>Participating State</b>	<b>Standard scale per cent for 2013–2015</b>	<b>Field operation scale per cent for 2013–2015</b>
Albania	0.125	0.020
Germany	9.350	12.060
United States of America	11.500	14.000
Andorra	0.125	0.020
Armenia	0.050	0.020
Austria	2.510	2.160
Azerbaijan	0.050	0.020
Belarus	0.280	0.040
Belgium	3.240	3.420
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.125	0.020
Bulgaria	0.550	0.050
Canada	5.530	5.340
Cyprus	0.190	0.110
Croatia	0.190	0.110
Denmark	2.100	2.050
Spain	4.580	5.000
Estonia	0.190	0.020
Finland	1.850	1.980
France	9.350	11.090
Georgia	0.050	0.020
United Kingdom	9.350	11.090
Greece	0.980	0.730
Hungary	0.600	0.380
Ireland	0.750	0.790
Iceland	0.190	0.090
Italy	9.350	11.090
Kazakhstan	0.360	0.060
Kyrgyzstan	0.050	0.020
Latvia	0.190	0.025
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.125	0.020
Liechtenstein	0.125	0.020
Lithuania	0.190	0.025
Luxembourg	0.470	0.250

**THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013–2015 (continued)**

<b>Participating State</b>	<b>Standard scale per cent for 2013–2015</b>	<b>Field operation scale per cent for 2013–2015</b>
Malta	0.125	0.025
Moldova	0.050	0.020
Monaco	0.125	0.020
Mongolia	0.050	0.020
Montenegro	0.050	0.020
Norway	2.050	2.070
Uzbekistan	0.350	0.050
Netherlands	4.360	3.570
Poland	1.350	1.050
Portugal	0.980	0.560
Romania	0.600	0.120
Russian Federation	6.000	2.500
San Marino	0.125	0.020
Holy See	0.125	0.020
Serbia	0.140	0.020
Slovakia	0.280	0.150
Slovenia	0.220	0.175
Sweden	3.240	3.410
Switzerland	2.810	2.720
Tajikistan	0.050	0.020
Czech Republic	0.570	0.420
Turkmenistan	0.050	0.020
Turkey	1.010	0.750
Ukraine	0.680	0.140
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.055</b>	<b>100.030</b>

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER  
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND  
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the United States of America:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The United States wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

In joining consensus on the Scales of Contributions for 2013–2015, the United States has made no commitment to any increases in the U.S. contribution beyond this period.

Permanent Council Decision No. 408, adopted in 2001, established a 14 per cent ceiling for the field operations (Vienna) scale. The logic behind that ceiling remains valid, and we see no reason for changing it. Furthermore, in the thirty-eight year after the Helsinki Accords were signed, we recall the significance of the concept of shared responsibilities (for both the Helsinki and Vienna scales), and intend to participate in discussions on that basis. Moreover, it remains our view that all the criteria applied to scales remain of equal weight.

The United States requests that this statement be recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”