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**DECISION No. 528**  
**APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE**  
**OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the decision of the Ministerial Council at its second meeting in Prague in 1992 concerning the development of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR),

Noting that the term of office of the former Director, Ambassador Gérard Stoudmann, expired on 9 November 2002,

Expressing its gratitude to the former Director for his contribution to the work of the OSCE and to developing the activities of the OSCE,

Recommends to the Ministerial Council that it appoints Ambassador Christian Strohal as Director of the ODIHR for a period of three years with effect from 1 February 2003.