



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Ministerial Council**

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**DECISION No. 2/13
APPOINTMENT OF THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON
NATIONAL MINORITIES**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling the decision of the CSCE Helsinki Summit 1992 to establish a High Commissioner on National Minorities,

Considering that, in accordance with Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/10, the mandate of Mr. Knut Vollebaek as OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities will expire on 19 August 2013,

Expressing its gratitude to the outgoing OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Mr. Knut Vollebaek, for his contribution to the work of the OSCE and to developing the activities of the OSCE,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Permanent Council,

Decides to appoint Ms. Astrid Thors as OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities for a period of three years with effect from 20 August 2013.