

616th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 732
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO**

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the willingness of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro to actively co-operate with all OSCE participating States in the pursuit of the goals of the Organization and the invitation to the OSCE to establish an OSCE mission to the Republic of Montenegro (CIO.GAL/100/06 of 8 June 2006),

Recalling Permanent Council Decisions Nos. 401 of 11 January 2001 concerning the establishment of the OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, 444 of 15 November 2001 on the establishment of an Office in Podgorica, 451 of 21 December 2001, 516 of 12 December 2002, 585 of 18 December 2003, 645 of 16 December 2004, and 696 of 17 November 2005 extending the Mission's mandate, as well as 533 of 13 February 2003 renaming the OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro,

Decides to close the Office in Podgorica and to establish an OSCE Mission to Montenegro, which will perform the following tasks:

- Assist and promote the implementation of OSCE principles and commitments as well as the co-operation of the Republic of Montenegro with the OSCE, in all OSCE dimensions, including the politico-military, economic and environmental, and human aspects of security and stability;
- Facilitate contacts, co-ordinate activities and promote information exchange with the Chairman-in-Office, Secretariat, OSCE institutions, and, as appropriate, OSCE field operations — particularly with those in South-Eastern Europe, as well as co-operation with international organizations and institutions;
- Establish and maintain contacts with local authorities, universities, research institutions and NGOs and assist in arranging events with OSCE participation.

The Permanent Council also decides that:

1. The OSCE Mission to Montenegro will have its headquarters in Podgorica. The assets of the OSCE Office in Podgorica will be taken over by the Mission;
2. The initial duration of the Mission will be until 31 December 2006, with a possibility of prolongation for periods of twelve months by mutual agreement between the OSCE and the Republic of Montenegro. Prolongation and eventual changes of mandate will be subject to new decisions by the Permanent Council;
3. The OSCE Mission to Montenegro will be led by a head of mission assisted by a team of experts. The strength of the Mission will be in accordance with the tasks to be fulfilled;
4. The OSCE Mission to Montenegro will carry out its activities in a transparent manner with full respect of the laws and regulations of the host country. It will report to the Permanent Council on a regular basis on the implementation of the mandate and the activities of the Mission.
5. A Memorandum of Understanding regarding the modalities of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro will be signed between the Government of the Republic of Montenegro and the OSCE Secretary General or his duly authorized representative.

The Permanent Council tasks the Secretary General to present a proposal for the amendment of the 2006 Unified Budget (PC.DEC/712/05 of 20 December 2005) to reflect the financial implications of the establishment of the Mission. Pending adoption of a decision on this issue, the OSCE Mission to Montenegro is authorized to use the resources foreseen for the Office in Podgorica in the 2006 Unified Budget for the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro Fund.