

617th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 734
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decisions Nos. 397 of 14 December 2000 and 714 of 22 December 2005,

Taking into account the work carried out since the establishment of the OSCE Liaison Office in Central Asia in 1995, and subsequently the OSCE Centre in Tashkent in 2000,

Welcoming the willingness of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan to further improve links with the OSCE,

Decides:

1. With a view to the further development and consolidation of project activities of the OSCE in Uzbekistan, to establish as a new form of co-operation between the OSCE and the Republic of Uzbekistan, starting 1 July 2006, an OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan, for the period until 31 December 2006 with the possibility of subsequent extensions for one year periods;
2. To determine for the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan the following tasks:
 - To assist the Government of Uzbekistan in its efforts to ensure security and stability, including fighting against terrorism, violent extremism, illegal drug trafficking and other transnational threats and challenges;
 - To support the efforts of the Government of Uzbekistan with regard to further socio-economic development and the protection of the environment in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
 - To assist the Government of Uzbekistan in the implementation of OSCE principles and of its commitments taken within the OSCE framework, including those related to the development of civil society, as well as in the development of co-operation between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the OSCE;

Further decides that:

3. The activities of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan are conducted on the basis of strong mutual understanding and are carried out on the basis of a jointly developed annual plan of programmes and projects, aimed at the performance of the above-mentioned tasks. All programmes and projects, including those that are financed from extra-budgetary sources, are realized in close co-operation and consultations with the Government of Uzbekistan. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan will perform its tasks and carry out its activities in a transparent manner in full respect of the laws and regulations of the host State;
4. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan ensures the full transparency of the expenditure of financial resources, including extra-budgetary ones. It submits to the host State the financial reports according to a time schedule to be agreed upon with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
5. The appointment of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan is carried out while taking the fullest account of the results of consultations with the Government of Uzbekistan;
6. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan informs the Permanent Council on a regular basis on the implementation of the current mandate and on the activities of his office. The content of the reports by the Co-ordinator are shared beforehand with the Government of Uzbekistan in order to give an opportunity for comments;
7. The organizational modalities of the activities of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan and his office are specified in a new separate Memorandum, which is to be signed by 15 July 2006. The appointment of his staff is carried out in accordance with OSCE rules and regulations;
8. Financial expenses connected with the activity of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan shall, until 31 December 2006, be covered from the budgetary means of the OSCE and from extra-budgetary contributions, allocated to the OSCE Centre in Tashkent for 2006.

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Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 79
(CHAPTER 6) OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Uzbekistan:

“With regard to this decision, Uzbekistan reaffirms its commitment to continue constructive and mutually beneficial co-operation with the OSCE. The Uzbek side declares hereby that the current privileges and immunities of the staff and the premises of the OSCE Centre in Tashkent will continue to apply until the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.”