

**107th Plenary Meeting**

PC Journal No. 107, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 158**

The Permanent Council,

On the basis of the reports by the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office, Dr. Franz Vranitzky, on his visits to Albania on 8 and 14 March 1997,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the most immediate recommendations have already been set in motion. They include a dialogue between all parties as well as the establishment of a broad-based Government having *inter alia* as its highest priorities to resolve the unrest in the country through political means and to restore the confidence of the Albanian people;
  2. Looks forward to continued efforts by Dr. Vranitzky in following up on these achievements;
  3. Declares the readiness of the OSCE, in co-ordination with other international institutions and organizations, to assist Albania *inter alia* in
    - democratization and respect for human rights, including support for central and local democratic institutions; and
    - preparing the coming elections, which the OSCE would monitor.
- Furthermore, the OSCE is ready to explore the possibility of monitoring the collection of weapons.
4. Requests the Chairman-in-Office with the support of the Secretary General to continue consultations with OSCE participating States on:
    - advice and assistance to maintain or restore public order, building on the Vranitzky recommendations and the findings of the European Union high-level mission;
    - OSCE co-operation in Albania with other international institutions and organizations, and co-ordination of their efforts.

The Chairman-in-Office will report at an early date to the Permanent Council on the results of these consultations.