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**DECISION No. 124**

The Permanent Council,

Recognizing that involuntary, massive and uncontrolled movements of population may have a considerable impact on the stability and security of participating States, especially in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS),

Welcomes the Programme of Action adopted by the participants in the Regional Conference to address the problems of refugees, displaced persons, other forms of involuntary displacement and returnees in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and relevant neighbouring States;

In accordance with Chapter VI, paragraph 139, of the Programme of Action, expresses the readiness of the OSCE to contribute, within its resources, to the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, through its early-warning, conflict-prevention and other instruments and mechanisms;

Acknowledges the operational role played by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the fields of emergency assistance, repatriation, return, resettlement and integration of refugees, returnees and other involuntarily displaced persons in the CIS countries;

Considers further that the activities of UNHCR, the IOM and the OSCE in the follow-up to the Conference are of a complementary nature and should all contribute to the stability of the CIS region.