

**175th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 240**

The Permanent Council,

Expressing its gratitude to Mr. Max van der Stoel for his excellent service as the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities,

- Recommends to the Ministerial Council that, as an exceptional measure, it extends the appointment of Mr. Max van der Stoel as the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities by one year only, i.e. for the period 1 January 1999 to 31 December 1999. This does not create a precedent in relation to terms of office of future incumbents of this post, and paragraph (9) of Chapter II of the Helsinki Document 1992 will apply accordingly.