
193rd Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 263

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with its Decision No. 259 (PC.DEC/259) and the agreement signed by the Chairman-in-Office (CiO) of the OSCE and the Foreign Minister of the FRY (CIO.GAL/65/98),

Noting the United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1203,

- Decides:

1. To establish the Kosovo Verification Mission (KVM) in accordance with the mandate contained in the agreement signed by the CiO (CIO.GAL/65/98);
2. To authorize immediate start-up deployment of the KVM;
3. To establish the KVM for one year, with extensions upon the request of either the OSCE Chairman-in-Office or the FRY government;
4. To request hereby OSCE States to contribute personnel and funding for the KVM in accordance with established procedures;
5. To task the Secretary General, taking account of offers of voluntary contributions, to establish urgently the budget for the KVM for the approval of the Council.

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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 the Russian Federation:

“Taking into account the emerging consensus in the OSCE, the Russian Federation agrees on the formula contained in paragraph 3 of the draft decision proposed by the Polish Chairmanship. This, however, does not mean the change in our position of principle that decisions on extension of missions’ mandates should be adopted by the OSCE collective bodies and primarily, by the Permanent Council. Accordingly, we proceed from the fact that following a possible request - as prescribed in paragraph 3 of today’s decision - from the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, which should reflect a consensus-based approach, or from the FRY Government, the Permanent Council shall consider this request, without deriving from the established procedure, and shall take an appropriate decision.”

I ask you, Mr. Chairman, to attach this statement to the adopted decision.