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The Permanent Council decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje until 31 December 1997.

Interpretative Statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

“In the light of recent developments in the region, notably in Albania, demonstrating that regional stability remains fragile, the Republic of Macedonia agrees with the extension of the Mission’s mandate on the existing terms, the present number of Mission members being adequate for accomplishing its tasks.

In this context, the Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia would like to reiterate that the next six months of the Mission’s operation should be used for consultations about its transformation into a regional office, an idea put forward on the occasion of the previous extension of the Mission’s mandate. The developments in the region have increased the need for candid discussions and in-depth consideration of the possibility of establishing an OSCE regional structure in the Republic of Macedonia. The Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia to the OSCE is prepared to co-operate with all delegations interested in the realization of this project.

The Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia wishes this statement to be recorded in the journal of the day.”

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Annex 2

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of Albania:

“The extension of the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje should not be seen as having any connection with the developments in Albania, but as a step taken on its own merits.”