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**DECISION No. 398
INTERIM FINANCING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SCALE OF
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LARGE OSCE MISSIONS**

The Permanent Council,

Referring to Vienna Ministerial Council Decision No. MC(8).DEC/6 instructing the Permanent Council to establish an interim financing arrangement by 31 December 2000 to implement the OSCE unified budget for the year 2001,

Recognizing the need to take into account in the future, among other criteria, participating States' capacity to pay, the political nature of the Organization and also the need for a ceiling and a floor on the participating States' shares of contribution,

Reaffirming the commitment of all participating States to fulfil their financial obligations, including the settlement of arrears and prompt future payments,

1. Approves the attached interim financing arrangement for large OSCE missions, governing contributions of all participating States to the financing of OSCE missions having approved annual budgets for the year 2001 in the amount of 13 million euros or more. This non-renewable interim financing arrangement will serve only for the implementation of the 2001 budget. Negotiations will continue with a view to reach an agreement on the scale and criteria for financing OSCE activities - in accordance with the decision taken at the 1997 Copenhagen Ministerial Council Meeting - no later than 31 March 2001;
2. Reaffirming the importance of fully funding the OSCE unified budget for the year 2001, invites participating States to make voluntary contributions to the budgets of such missions so as to ensure that this is achieved. These voluntary contributions should first be directed at approved projects within the budget amounting to 2.23 per cent of each large-mission's budget. Such projects will be implemented only if they can be financed through voluntary contributions from participating States, OSCE Partners for Co-operation, OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and other sources or by drawing on unspent money within the large-mission budgets for the year 2001. Voluntary financing to large-mission budgets beyond the 2.23 per cent mark may either be allocated to special projects carried out by large missions or be used to reduce the total amount of required mission/project financing. Accordingly, the Permanent Council appeals to all participating States, OSCE Partners for Co-operation, OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and

other sources to make such voluntary contributions in the largest amounts possible following the approval of budgets by the Permanent Council;

3. Taking into account the OSCE financial year, the first half of the assessed contributions to the large-mission budgets shall be due and payable by 20 January;
4. Decides that assessed contributions paid under this interim financing arrangement could be adjusted (retrospectively for the full calendar year 2001) to reflect the new scale;
5. Extrabudgetary contributions by participating States, OSCE Partners for Co-operation, OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and other sources will continue to be essential in order to finance projects and other activities proposed by OSCE missions and institutions.

Interim financing arrangement for large OSCE missions

<u>Country</u>	<u>Per cent</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
United States of America	12.40	Cyprus	0.14
Germany	10.34	Slovenia	0.14
France	10.34	Romania	0.10
Italy	10.34	Yugoslavia	0.08
United Kingdom	10.34	Belarus	0.07
Canada	5.45	Bulgaria	0.06
Spain	4.20	Kazakhstan	0.06
Belgium	4.07	Uzbekistan	0.06
Netherlands	4.07	Albania	0.02
Sweden	4.07	Andorra	0.02
Russian Federation	3.72	Armenia	0.02
Switzerland	2.65	Azerbaijan	0.02
Austria	2.36	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.02
Denmark	2.36	Estonia	0.02
Finland	2.36	Georgia	0.02
Norway	2.36	Holy See	0.02
Poland	1.05	Kyrgyzstan	0.02
Turkey	0.75	Latvia	0.02
Ireland	0.63	Liechtenstein	0.02
Greece	0.53	Lithuania	0.02
Czech Republic	0.50	Malta	0.02
Hungary	0.46	Moldova	0.02
Portugal	0.41	Monaco	0.02
Luxembourg	0.30	San Marino	0.02
Slovakia	0.18	Tajikistan	0.02
Ukraine	0.18	the former Yugoslav	
Iceland	0.12	Republic of Macedonia	0.02
Croatia	0.14	Turkmenistan	<u>0.02</u>
		Sub-total	97.77
		Budgetary voluntary	
		contribution	<u>2.23</u>
		Total	100.00