

862nd Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 999
RECOMMENDATION TO REAPPOINT
AMBASSADOR JANEZ LENARČIČ AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE
FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the 1990 Charter of Paris and the decision of the Ministerial Council taken at its second meeting in Prague in 1992 concerning the development of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR),

Noting that the term of office of the current Director of the ODIHR, Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, will expire on 30 June 2011,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the reappointment of Ambassador Janez Lenarčič as Director of the ODIHR as contained in document MC.DD/1/11/Rev.1 of 17 May 2011;
2. Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 30 May 2011, at noon CET.

* Incorporates a correction to the date of the decision and the interpretative statement.

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Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland):

“Mr. Chairperson,

I am honoured today to take the floor on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Canada on this very important issue and bring to your attention this interpretative statement.

Mr. Chairperson,

By exceptionally accepting in this case to make a reference to the 1990 Charter of Paris and the wording ‘reappointment’ instead of ‘extension’ as would have been the more appropriate word, we firmly underline that this does not mean consenting to any interpretation that would put in doubt the validity either of previous or future extensions of the terms of the heads of institutions.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”