

1186th Plenary Meeting
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DECISION No. 1293
FINANCING ARRANGEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
2018 OSCE UNIFIED BUDGET AND SMM BUDGET

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the OSCE Financial Regulations,

Taking into account that no agreement on the Scales of Contributions could be reached to date,

Decides to establish as an exceptional measure a provisional financing arrangement for implementation of the 2018 Unified Budget, including any revisions, as well as the budget of the SMM for the 2018 period, as contained in the attached annex. This financing arrangement is without prejudice to the decision on the Scales of Contributions to be reached by the Informal Working Group.

1 Includes a correction to the translation of attachment 1 to the decision.

2018 SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Participating State	Standard scale per cent for 2018	Field operation scale per cent for 2018
Albania	0.125	0.020
Germany	9.350	12.060
United States of America	11.500	14.000
Andorra	0.125	0.020
Armenia	0.050	0.020
Austria	2.510	2.160
Azerbaijan	0.050	0.020
Belarus	0.280	0.040
Belgium	3.240	3.420
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.125	0.020
Bulgaria	0.550	0.050
Canada	5.530	5.340
Cyprus	0.190	0.110
Croatia	0.190	0.110
Denmark	2.100	2.050
Spain	4.580	5.000
Estonia	0.190	0.020
Finland	1.850	1.980
France	9.350	11.090
Georgia	0.050	0.020
United Kingdom	9.350	11.090
Greece	0.980	0.730
Hungary	0.600	0.380
Ireland	0.750	0.790
Iceland	0.190	0.090
Italy	9.350	11.090
Kazakhstan	0.360	0.060
Kyrgyzstan	0.050	0.020
Latvia	0.190	0.025
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.125	0.020
Liechtenstein	0.125	0.020
Lithuania	0.190	0.025
Luxembourg	0.470	0.250

2018 SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

Participating State	Standard scale per cent for 2018	Field operation scale per cent for 2018
Malta	0.125	0.025
Moldova	0.050	0.020
Monaco	0.125	0.020
Mongolia	0.050	0.020
Montenegro	0.050	0.020
Norway	2.050	2.070
Uzbekistan	0.350	0.050
Netherlands	4.360	3.570
Poland	1.350	1.050
Portugal	0.980	0.560
Romania	0.600	0.120
Russian Federation	6.000	2.500
San Marino	0.125	0.020
Holy See	0.125	0.020
Serbia	0.140	0.020
Slovakia	0.280	0.150
Slovenia	0.220	0.175
Sweden	3.240	3.410
Switzerland	2.810	2.720
Tajikistan	0.050	0.020
Czech Republic	0.570	0.420
Turkmenistan	0.050	0.020
Turkey	1.010	0.750
Ukraine	0.680	0.140
Total	100.055	100.030

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Attachment 1

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**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 the Russian Federation:

“In joining the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the financing arrangement for implementation of the 2018 OSCE Unified Budget and SMM Budget, the Russian Federation notes the following.

The Russian Federation regards this decision as an adequate measure for issuing statements of accounts to participating States for payment of their contributions to the OSCE Unified Budget and the SMM Budget this year on the basis of the Scales of Contributions established by Permanent Council Decision No. 1196 of 17 December 2015. In that connection, we regard as inadmissible the retroactive application of future Scales of Contributions and the recalculation of payments as well as the issuing of interim statements of accounts, since this conflicts with the Russian Federation’s fiscal legislation.

The Russian Federation is in favour of resuming the activities of the Informal Working Group on the OSCE Scales of Contributions on the basis of Permanent Council Decision No. 1072 of 7 February 2013 and all the criteria and elements specified therein, which this Group should be guided by. We are ready to participate constructively in this work.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of the day.”

1 Includes a correction to the translation of the interpretative statement on the basis of a correction to the source text.

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Attachment 2

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Original: FRENCH

**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 France:

“France joins the consensus on the decision regarding the provisional financing arrangement for the budgetary commitments for 2018 with the following reservations regarding its interpretation.

The measure presented in this decision does not in any way represent an agreement on the extension of the scales that expired on 31 December 2017 but is rather a simple provisional arrangement to permit the financing of the OSCE in 2018, similar to the precedent in 2005.

This measure is an exceptional one. It should not be renewed in 2019 and does not in any way prejudice the results of the negotiating process on the Scales of Contributions restarted by the Chairmanship. Once the scales for 2018 have been agreed, a retroactive adjustment of the contributions will be necessary, once again like the precedent in 2005.

A decision on the new scales is necessary by 31 December this year for 2018 but also for 2019 and beyond so as not once again to put the OSCE in a fragile position with regard to its financing.

In order to avoid a repetition of the present situation and with account taken of the positions held by several participating States, France retains the possibility of making the adoption of the budget for 2019 contingent on a prior agreement on new scales.

All participating States have committed themselves to a process of reform of the OSCE scales based on the work of the working group and on a number of Permanent Council decisions, particularly Decisions No. 468, No. 704, No. 850, No. 924, No. 980, No. 1027, No. 1072 and No. 1196 adopted between 2002 and 2015. After more than six years of discussion in Vienna, the Working Group on the Scales of Contributions should now make specific recommendations to the Permanent Council.

In that context, we welcome the laudable intention stated by the Chairmanship of convening a meeting of experts from the capitals on 25 June to relaunch these negotiations.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision adopted and the journal of the day.”

**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 Azerbaijan:

“In connection with the decision on the financing arrangement for implementation of the 2018 Unified Budget and SMM budget adopted by the Permanent Council, the delegation of Azerbaijan would like to make the following interpretative statement for the record.

The delegation of Azerbaijan joined the consensus on this decision on the basis of understanding that in the absence of the revised Scales of Contributions the 2018 Unified Budget, including any revision, as well as the budget of the SMM for 2018, shall be financed through assessed contributions by all participating States as established by application of the Scales of Contributions, approved by Permanent Council Decision No. 1196 of 17 December 2015, contained in the annex attached to the present decision.

The Permanent Council in this decision specifically emphasized that ‘this financing arrangement is without prejudice to the decision on the Scales of Contributions to be reached by the Informal Working Group.’

The delegation of Azerbaijan reiterates that the revision of the Scales of Contributions shall take into account all the elements and criteria reflected in Permanent Council Decision No. 1072 of 7 February 2013, as well as the opinions of all participating States. This will help to ensure collective support from all participating States. The delegation of Azerbaijan will continue to be guided by the criteria and elements identified in Permanent Council Decision No. 1072 during the current phase of discussions on the future Scales of Contributions.

I would like to request that this interpretative statement be attached to the Permanent Council decision and to the journal of the day.”