

1239th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 1345
SUPPLEMENTING THE OSCE IT INFRASTRUCTURE
UPGRADE FUND**

The Permanent Council,

Seeking to ensure that extended support is available for the ICT Core Platform Infrastructure so that the OSCE continues to maintain secure information and communication technology (ICT) systems and infrastructure, which are key to a stable operational environment,

Recalling the establishment of the IT Infrastructure Upgrade Fund (PC.DEC/1322),

Taking note of the document entitled “Proposal to mitigate the risk of vendor support expiration for the ICT Core Platform Infrastructure” (PC.ACMF/44/19/Rev.1),

Decides to:

Supplement the IT Infrastructure Upgrade Fund in order to finance necessary 2019 measures aimed at mitigating, in line with document PC.ACMF/44/19/Rev.1, the risk of vendor support expiration for the ICT Core Platform Infrastructure;

Request that the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) undertake efficiency enhancement efforts so that an amount of 214,000 euros can be reallocated from its budget for 2019–2020 and used to finance the implementation of necessary 2019 measures – attributable to the SMM – aimed at mitigating the risk of vendor support expiration for the ICT Core Platform Infrastructure;

Allocate, on an exceptional basis, 416,000 euros from available cash surpluses to the IT Infrastructure Upgrade Fund in order to finance the implementation of necessary 2019 measures – attributable to all OSCE executive structures and field operations except the SMM – aimed at mitigating the risk of vendor support expiration for the ICT Core Platform Infrastructure.

Requests that the Secretary General present the remaining financial requirements of this project together with the 2020 Unified Budget submission.

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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 Armenia:

“In connection with the adoption of the decision on supplementing the OSCE IT Infrastructure Upgrade Fund, Armenia would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Armenia joined the consensus on the adoption of the decision on supplementing the OSCE IT Infrastructure Upgrade Fund to ensure extended support for the ICT Core Platform Infrastructure and continuity in maintaining secure information and communication technology (ICT) systems and infrastructure.

In joining the consensus on this decision, Armenia proceeded from the understanding that the Organization’s resources, knowledge and experience accumulated over many years through the OSCE Unified Budget, as well as its IT infrastructure are crucial for the implementation of OSCE activities, including extrabudgetary projects implemented by the OSCE institutions and executive structures.

Having said that, Armenia remains deeply disappointed with the implementation of the extrabudgetary project ‘Promoting Green Ports and Connectivity in the Caspian Sea Region’, launched on 14 June 2019 in Baku. We continue to insist that this project is conflict-related. It obstructs the inclusive co-operation and dialogue, further deepening the dividing lines in the South Caucasus region.

We also regret that although the Permanent Council in its Decision No. 1322 of 28 March 2019 has requested the Secretary General as Fund Manager to ensure that the activities foreseen under this Fund are completed in the most cost-effective and timely manner, we again face a situation when a significant amount of resources from available cash surpluses are allocated to the OSCE IT Infrastructure Upgrade Fund.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”