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**DECISION No. 771  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE  
OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 243 of 23 July 1998 establishing the OSCE Centre in Almaty, the mandate of which was most recently extended by Permanent Council Decision No. 702 of 17 November 2005,

Welcoming the intention expressed by the Government of Kazakhstan that the OSCE Centre continues its activities throughout 2007,

Recalling Brussels Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06, in particular the provision that a mandate for field operations should be of a one year duration when the participating State hosting a field operation concurs,

Taking into account the request of the Government of Kazakhstan that the OSCE Centre relocate to Astana,

Decides that the Centre shall relocate to Astana as soon as possible;

Requests that a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Kazakhstan and the OSCE be negotiated in order to establish the modalities of the relocation, with a view to adoption as soon as possible, and in any event no later than 30 June 2007;

Decides, in this context, to extend the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Almaty until 30 June 2007.