

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Ministerial Council MC.DEC/1/23 25 January 2023

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DECISION No. 1/23 TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

The Ministerial Council,

Decides that the Thirtieth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be held in Skopje on 30 November and 1 December 2023.

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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 the Russian Federation:

"While joining the consensus regarding the decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the Russian Federation assumes that North Macedonia, as the host country of that event, as well as all transit countries, will take exhaustive measures to ensure that the representatives of all the OSCE participating States without exception, at whatever political level they themselves choose, can come to Skopje. This means that there will be no discrimination with regard to the composition of national delegations, nor any impediment to the flight or travel of members of delegations to the Ministerial Council venue by the means of their choice, including special flights. In this regard, we take note of the statements by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office that North Macedonia will make all the necessary efforts to that end.

We emphasize that improper implementation of the OSCE documents governing the convening of the Ministerial Council will make it impossible for any decisions and documents to be adopted at the meeting.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of today's meeting of the Permanent Council."