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**DECISION No. 998
SIDE EVENT TO THE 2011 OSCE-MONGOLIA CONFERENCE ON
“AFGHANISTAN CAPACITY BUILDING: STRENGTHENING
THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE”**

Ulaanbaatar, 23 May 2011

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion in the framework of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Welcoming the proposal by Lithuania and Mongolia, contained in CIO.GAL/77/11/Rev.1, to use the OSCE Partnership Fund to finance the organization of a side event to the OSCE-Mongolia Conference on “Afghanistan capacity building: strengthening the diplomatic service”, to be held in Ulaanbaatar on 23 May 2011,

Recalling the Madrid Ministerial Declaration on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation (MC.DOC/1/07),

Recalling Madrid Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/07 on OSCE engagement with Afghanistan (MC.DEC/4/07/Corr.1),

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 812 on the establishment of a Partnership Fund,

Decides to authorize the use of the Partnership Fund, subject to the availability of sufficient contributions, to finance the proposed side event;

Encourages the participating States and the Partners for Co-operation to contribute to the Partnership Fund for this purpose.