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#### DECISION No. 1185 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 30 June 2016.

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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:

"In joining the consensus on the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, we take the position that it corresponds to the new political and legal situation in the region, according to which the Republic of Crimea and the federal city of Sevastopol are an integral part of Russia. Consequently, the Co-ordinator's activities, including project activities, do not apply to these constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

I request that this statement be appended to the Permanent Council decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day."

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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 United States of America:

"In connection with the adoption of the decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine the United States would like to make the following interpretive statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States notes that Crimea remains an integral part of Ukraine, despite Russia's ongoing occupation. The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."

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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 Turkey:

"Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Turkey wishes to make an interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

'Turkey reiterates that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which Turkey continues to regard as part of Ukraine.'

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

Thank you."

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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

The delegation of Luxembourg, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

"In connection with the decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

The European Union stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol. We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia<sup>1</sup>, Montenegro<sup>1</sup> and Albania<sup>1</sup>, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Georgia and San Marino align themselves with this statement."

<sup>1</sup> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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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 Ukraine:

"Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which are an integral part of Ukraine, were illegally occupied and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of the OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law.

Ukraine stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine extends to the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to the decision and recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."