



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Ministerial Council**

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**DECISION No. 1/11
REAPPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR JANEZ LENARČIČ AS
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS
AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling the 1990 Charter of Paris and the decision of the Ministerial Council taken at its second meeting in Prague in 1992 concerning the development of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR),

Noting that the term of office of the current Director of the ODIHR, Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, will expire on 30 June 2011,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Permanent Council,

Decides to reappoint Ambassador Janez Lenarčič as Director of the ODIHR exceptionally for a period of three years with effect from 1 July 2011. This exception should not be construed as a change of the rules regarding the appointment of the Director of the ODIHR.

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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 Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland):

“Mr. Chairperson,

I am honoured today to take the floor on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Canada on this very important issue and bring to your attention this interpretative statement.

Mr. Chairperson,

By exceptionally accepting in this case to make a reference to the 1990 Charter of Paris and the wording ‘reappointment’ instead of ‘extension’ as would have been the more appropriate word, we firmly underline that this does not mean consenting to any interpretation that would put in doubt the validity either of previous or future extensions of the terms of the heads of institutions.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”