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**DECISION No. 295**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with its Decisions No. 278 (PC.DEC/278) and No. 292 (PC.DEC/292), decides that:

Proceeding from the respect for OSCE principles and commitments and with a view to developing further the operational capabilities of the various dimensions of the OSCE, a new form of co-operation between Ukraine and the OSCE will be created from 1 June 1999 for an initial duration until 31 December 1999 with the possibility of prolongations for periods of 6 months. This co-operation will be based on the planning, implementation and monitoring of projects between relevant authorities of Ukraine and the OSCE and its institutions. Such projects may cover all aspects of OSCE activities and may involve governmental as well as non-governmental bodies of Ukraine.

For the purpose of carrying out these tasks an OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine will be established. The Co-ordinator, together with his/her international and local staff, will be based in Kyiv and located in the office of the former OSCE expert group in Ukraine.

The Co-ordinator will provide regular progress reports to the OSCE Permanent Council.

Modalities for the new form of co-operation will be further elaborated in a separate Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE. The implementation of this new form of co-operation will start immediately upon the signing of this MoU. During the initial phase particular emphasis will be placed on the planning and preparation of a large-scale project entitled "Comprehensive Review of Human Rights Legislation" to be started no later than fall 1999.

The budgetary implications of this new form of co-operation will be covered out of the ordinary budgets of the OSCE and its institutions as well as by possible voluntary contributions. The remaining resources allocated to the former OSCE Mission in Ukraine for 1999 and from possible voluntary contributions will be used for the initial financing of the new form of co-operation.