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**DECISION No. 401
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA**

The Permanent Council,

Noting the report of the OSCE Rapporteur Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, 3 to 5 December 2000, (CIO.GAL/134/00) and

Welcoming the invitation of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for an OSCE Mission,

Taking into account United Nations Security Council resolution 1244,

Decides to establish an OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Mission, acting in close co-operation with the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, will provide assistance and expertise to the Yugoslav authorities at all levels, as well as to interested individuals, groups and organizations, in the fields of democratization and the protection of human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities. In this context, and in order to promote democratization, tolerance, the rule of law and conformity with OSCE principles, standards and commitments, the Mission will also assist and advise on the full implementation of legislation in areas covered by the mandate, and monitor the proper functioning and development of democratic institutions, processes and mechanisms. In particular, the Mission will assist in the restructuring and training of law enforcement agencies and the judiciary.

In addition, the Mission will provide assistance and advice in the field of the media.

The Mission will, in close co-operation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, provide advice and support in order to facilitate the return of refugees to and from neighbouring countries and from other countries of residence as well as of internally displaced persons to their homes within the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

In carrying out its tasks, the Mission will co-operate with and use the expertise of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the Representative on Freedom of the Media and the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities. The OSCE Secretariat's Conflict Prevention Centre will assist, *inter alia*, by organizing training workshops and seminars in the field of confidence- and security-building measures and other issues in the politico-military field.

The Mission will closely co-operate with a future representation of the Council of Europe in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in order to co-ordinate programmes and to efficiently plan joint projects. It will also co-ordinate with representatives of other international organizations and institutions in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, notably the European Commission, the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, United Nations agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-governmental organizations consistent with the Platform for Co-operative Security.

The Mission will maintain close contact with other OSCE field operations throughout the region.

The Mission will establish its headquarters in Belgrade; it may open field offices subject to consultations with the authorities of the host country and the approval of the Permanent Council. The strength of the Mission will be in accordance with the tasks to be fulfilled. The appointment of the Head of Mission by the Chairperson-in-Office will be subject to consultation with the authorities of the host country.

The initial duration of the Mission will be until 31 December 2001. Prolongation and changes of mandate will be subject to a new decision by the Permanent Council.

A memorandum of understanding regarding the modalities of the Mission including the appropriate number of international staff will be signed with the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

With this decision, the OSCE Missions of Long Duration in Kosovo, Sandjak and Vojvodina are formally closed.