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**DECISION No. 835
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 765 of 14 December 2006, by which the mandate of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo was extended until 31 December 2007,

Decides:

1. To extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo until 31 January 2008;
2. At the end of this period, and at the end of each month afterwards, the mandate will be extended for another month unless a participating State objects in writing to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council;
3. Should the mandate end, the Mission will start the procedure for closing down without delay;
4. At the same time, negotiations will start on the terms of a possible further engagement of the OSCE in Kosovo.

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Attachment 1

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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 Serbia:

“The Republic of Serbia considers the mandate of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, as it stands now, to be fully consistent with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). Therefore, we understand that the full and correct name of this Mission should be the OSCE Mission in Kosovo/Republic of Serbia, referring to the fact that Serbia is the legal successor of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, whose territorial integrity and sovereignty was confirmed by resolution 1244.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.”

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Attachment 2

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
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By Portugal on behalf of the European Union:

“Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the European Union as well as the Delegations of Turkey, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Iceland and Norway, we would like to make the following interpretative statement to be attached to the Decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

In joining consensus on this decision to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, we would like to emphasize the following points.

We reiterate our appreciation for the essential work done by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo through its Headquarters in Pristina as well as its broad field presence. We see the OSCE continuing to play an important role in the support of a peaceful, democratic and multi-ethnic Kosovo, with full respect for the rule of law, the protection of minorities and of cultural and religious heritage, and the highest level of internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We had been fully committed to extending OMiK’s mandate to 31 December 2008. We joined consensus on the current decision solely to prevent the expiry of OMiK’s mandate on 1 January 2008.

It is our understanding that the Head of Mission will be responsible for implementing this Permanent Council decision, taking into account the realities on the ground and the negotiations that will begin on the OSCE’s further engagement in Kosovo. Flexibility will be needed to meet the challenges ahead.

Mr. Chairman,

I request that this statement be attached to this decision and included in the journal of the day.”

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By the delegation of the United States of America:

“Mr. Chairman,

The United States associates itself fully with the EU statement we have just heard. Like the European Union, we believe OMiK’s work has been essential to a peaceful and democratic Kosovo. We would like in particular to single out OMiK’s invaluable work with minority ethnic groups.

We regret that the actions of the two participating States that insisted on this month-to-month mandate renewal endanger the entity that has been the most trusted interlocutor and forceful advocate for the minority populations in Kosovo. These OMiK functions have been indispensable and will have to be continued regardless of Kosovo’s final status.

The OSCE also has a responsibility to OMiK’s employees, and the United States is disappointed that this month-to-month extension decision continues the uncertainty that has threatened the job stability of over 700 local employees and over 200 international staff, both contract and secondees.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I request that this interpretative statement be included along with this decision in the journal of the day.”