

**1152nd Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1255  
FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 AND THE REPORT OF THE  
EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations, particularly Regulations 7.05 and 8.06(e), as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96) and revised on 24 November 2016 (PC.DEC/1225),

Reiterating the importance of full transparency and accountability in the functioning of the OSCE,

Taking note of the 2016 Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the Report of the External Auditor (PC.ACMF/25/17 of 13 June 2017),

Expressing its gratitude to the External Auditor, the Court of Auditors of Spain, for the work done,

Taking note of the Unqualified Audit Opinion on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016,

1. Accepts the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016;
2. Requests the Secretary General to establish and submit to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance not later than 31 October 2017 a work plan for follow-up to the recommendations of the External Auditor as reflected in its Report for 2016. Further requests the Secretary General to inform the Permanent Council through the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance about the implementation of this plan on a regular basis, taking into account guidance from the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance.