
262nd Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 334

Following the request of the Government of Georgia and in order to observe and report on movement across the border between Georgia and the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation, both by vehicle and on foot, the Permanent Council decides to:

- Expand the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia to include such border monitoring;
- Increase the size of the present Mission by up to 20 international personnel;
- Task the Secretary General to work out resource implications and to prepare a budget.

Recalling its Decision No. 182 of 17 July 1997 concerning the establishment and related modalities of a Contingency Fund and taking account of the cost estimate circulated by the Secretary General (attached to this decision), and pending the early adoption of a budget in accordance with established procedures, the Permanent Council authorizes the release of EUR 250,000 from the Contingency Fund to finance the initial activities related to this decision.

The OSCE monitors will be unarmed and will have no enforcement responsibilities. They will act with full respect for the sovereignty of the Georgian authorities on their borders, without taking over any of their responsibilities. The Georgian Government has given assurances that it will provide security for the OSCE border monitors and ensure their freedom of movement. The Permanent Council considers these assurances to be an indispensable element of the present decision.

The Permanent Council tasks the OSCE Mission to Georgia to explore further the situation in the border area with a view to implementing this decision at a time and in a way which meet the security requirements of the Mission and allows the Mission to carry out this new task in an effective way. This implementation will take place following broad consultations.

The Permanent Council will revert to this matter in January 2000 in order to review the initial implementation of this decision and take further decisions which may be required. This border monitoring operation will be established for an initial period until 30 April 2000.

Cost estimate for 30 days
OSCE Mission to Georgia border monitoring
Exploratory phase

<u>Major Cost Categories</u>	<u>EUR</u>	<u>Breakdown</u> <u>No.</u>
A. Staff costs	1,236	1
B. Board and lodging	21,117	2
C. Travel costs	6,315	3
D. Other services and utilities	32,888	4
E. Investment costs	28,895	5
F. Supplies	<u>1,200</u>	6
TOTAL FOR OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA BORDER MONITORING	<u>91,651</u>	
International Mission members	3	
Local staff	0	
Vehicles	0	

Cost Estimate for 30 days
OSCE Mission to Georgia Border Monitoring
Exploratory Phase (Continued)

<u>Individual Cost Items</u>	<u>Monthly/unit</u> <u>Cost (EUR)</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Units</u>	<u>EUR</u>	<u>Breakdown</u> <u>No.</u>
A. <u>Staff costs</u>				
War Risk Insurance: GBP 120 per int. MM py	15.9	3	48	
Hazard pay: EUR 33 per MM pd	396.0	3	<u>1,188</u>	
		Total	1,236	1
B. <u>Board and lodging</u>				
Board and lodging for 3 int. Mission members USD 237 pd	7,038.9	3	<u>21,117</u>	
		Total	21,117	2
C. <u>Travel costs</u>				
Tickets VIE-TBI-VIE (EUR 1,600)		3	4,800	
TSA Vienna for 3 days (USD 170)		3	<u>1,515</u>	
		Total	6,315	3
D. <u>Services and utilities</u>				
Helicopter operations (3 x week, 6 hours/week) USD 1,300/Flt hour			30,888	
Communication			<u>2,000</u>	
		Total	32,888	4
E. <u>Investment costs</u>				
Communication equipment:				
SAT phones	3,800.0	4	15,200	
Mobile SAT phones (Iridium)	3,465.0	3	10,395	
Other equipment:				
Arctic clothes, set	600.0	3	1,800	
Bullet proof vest	500.0	3	<u>1,500</u>	
		Total	28,895	5
F. <u>Supplies</u>				
Other supplies	1,200.0	1	<u>1,200</u>	
		Total	1,200	6
TOTAL FOR OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA BORDER MONITORING			91,651	