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This week, meetings of the Permanent Council, the FSC, the Preparatory Committee, and the Advisory Committee for Management and Finance, took place.

The Permanent Council took the following decisions: No. 709 (PC.DEC/709) on the establishment of the Wallnerstrasse (new premises of the OSCE Secretariat) Fund and No. 710 (PC.DEC/710) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Minsk (followed by an interpretative statement by the host country). The Permanent Council also heard an address by the High Representative and EU Special Representative to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lord Paddy Ashdown, and the regular report by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media.

Under Current Issues, the Permanent Council discussed the following items: Presidential elections in Kazakhstan, held on 4 December 2005, arrest and transfer of General Ante Gotovina to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, death penalty in the United States of America, death penalty in Kyrgyzstan, third Extraordinary Session of the Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, amendments to the Belarusian criminal code and criminal procedure code. Ukraine invited the Parliamentary Assembly and ODIHR to observe the Parliamentary elections in Ukraine, to be held on 26 March 2006.

A number of draft decisions that were on the agenda of the Preparatory Committee have not yet reached consensus: Draft Decision on the Extension of the Training Assistance Program for the Georgian Border Guards (PC.DD/55/05/Rev. 1), on the Recommendations to Extend the Mandate of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (PC.DD/58/05), on the Extension of the Mandate of the OSCE Centre in Tashkent (PC.DD/41/05), and on the 2006 Unified Budget. According to the Financial Regulations, the deadline for the approval of the budget expires on December 20.

Winter recess will start by the end of this week. The second week of January 2006 is the first working week and will be devoted to the opening of the Belgian Chairmanship. In this connection, there will be a Heads of Missions' meeting on 12 and 13 January. In the fourth week, the Fourteenth OSCE Economic Forum/Part1 "Transportation in the OSCE area: Secure transportation networks and transport development to enhance regional economic co-operation and stability" will take place in Vienna, (23-24 January 2006).



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