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**DECISION No. 1325
SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019**

The Permanent Council,

Approves the standard and field operations Scales of Contributions as contained in the annex for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019

Participating State	Standard scale per cent for 2019	Field operation scale per cent for 2019
Albania	0.125	0.020
Germany	9.350	12.060
United States of America	11.500	14.000
Andorra	0.125	0.020
Armenia	0.050	0.020
Austria	2.503	2.156
Azerbaijan	0.050	0.020
Belarus	0.280	0.040
Belgium	3.229	3.406
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.125	0.020
Bulgaria	0.546	0.051
Canada	5.530	5.340
Cyprus	0.189	0.110
Croatia	0.190	0.110
Denmark	2.094	2.044
Spain	4.584	4.998
Estonia	0.189	0.020
Finland	1.843	1.971
France	9.364	11.081
Georgia	0.050	0.020
United Kingdom	9.350	11.090
Greece	0.978	0.730
Hungary	0.598	0.380
Ireland	0.750	0.790
Iceland	0.190	0.090
Italy	9.337	11.056
Kazakhstan	0.360	0.060
Kyrgyzstan	0.050	0.020
Latvia	0.189	0.025
Liechtenstein	0.125	0.020
Lithuania	0.189	0.025
Luxembourg	0.470	0.250
North Macedonia	0.125	0.020
Malta	0.125	0.025
Moldova	0.050	0.020
Monaco	0.125	0.020
Mongolia	0.050	0.020
Montenegro	0.050	0.020

THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019 (continued)

Participating State	Standard scale per cent for 2019	Field operation scale per cent for 2019
Norway	2.050	2.070
Uzbekistan	0.350	0.050
Netherlands	4.351	3.567
Poland	1.350	1.050
Portugal	0.980	0.560
Romania	0.600	0.120
Russian Federation	6.000	2.500
San Marino	0.125	0.020
Holy See	0.125	0.020
Serbia	0.140	0.020
Slovakia	0.280	0.150
Slovenia	0.219	0.175
Sweden	3.231	3.399
Switzerland	2.810	2.720
Tajikistan	0.050	0.020
Czech Republic	0.570	0.420
Turkmenistan	0.050	0.020
Turkey	1.010	0.750
Ukraine	0.680	0.140
Total	99.998	99.939

**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 the United Kingdom (also on behalf of Belgium, Canada, France and Italy):

“Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

I am making this statement on behalf of Belgium, Canada, France, Italy and the United Kingdom.

We wish to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

We welcome the adoption of Scales of Contributions for 2019 and reiterate our full support to the process initiated under your Chairmanship, namely: a solution to the Scales of Contributions for 2019 and a longer-term reform of the OSCE Scales of Contributions.

In joining consensus on this decision, we refer to document PC.ACMF/24/19 of 8 April that states: ‘This proposal is an exceptional emergency solution to prevent further aggravation of the current critical situation, with a view to place the Organization on sound budgetary footing and ensure proper financial management.’ We underline that: ‘The proposal is without prejudice to the future agreement on revised Scales of Contributions for any subsequent period.’

The decision we have just adopted does not address the root cause of the problem and we risk ending up in the same unhelpful and uncomfortable situation next year if a longer term reform of the OSCE Scales of Contributions, that reflects the capacity to pay and provides the Organization with clear, transparent and reliable budgetary footing, is not agreed by 31 December 2019.

For these reasons, we reiterate our commitment to work on such a reform and support the call by the Chairmanship to the sense of responsibility of all participating States. We fully support continuing and intensifying the renewed process that was relaunched at the recent Bratislava conference on scales. We are of the view that we need a credible negotiation process and timetable for the months to come.

We request that this statement be recorded in the journal of the day.”

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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 the delegation of France:

“France aligns itself with the interpretative statement made by the United Kingdom, also on behalf of France.

It would also like to make a national interpretative statement in its own name under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE covering the following elements.

We welcome the adoption of new scales for 2019 and reiterate our thanks to the Slovak Chairmanship and State Secretary Lukáš Parížek for their efforts over these past three months.

This decision constitutes a first change in the Scales of Contributions, which have not been revised for 14 years.

It is a step forward, even if the changes are modest in relation to the aim, which is still a comprehensive reform to achieve fairer scales based on the economic realities. France has decided, in order to underscore its aim, to reinvest the sum corresponding to the change in its scale of contribution to the OSCE, probably in the form of extrabudgetary projects.

The scales are a question of political and financial responsibility vis-à-vis our Organization. They expired in December 2017, and we once again emphasize the urgency of agreeing on sustainable and fair scales. Our agreement to this new interim solution, which is a slight improvement on the arrangement agreed last year, in no way prejudices our future position in the event that no progress is made on a sustainable reform of the Scales of Contributions.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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By the delegation of Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the Scales of Contributions for 2019, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

We thank the Slovak and former OSCE Chairmanships for their efforts dedicated to developing a solution to the long-standing issue of reforming the system of apportionment of OSCE expenses based on systemic, predictable and measurable criteria.

Today’s decision is considered to be an ad hoc measure to urgently form the financial basis for the Organization’s functioning and adoption of its Unified Budget. It is with this understanding and in a spirit of compromise that the delegation of Ukraine joined consensus on the decision.

We also register Ukraine’s position that this decision does not set a precedent for the participating States’ rates of assessment beyond the year 2019. A durable scale mechanism is to be determined and agreed, based on the criterion of capacity to pay which is broadly employed by other international organizations.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to the decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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By the delegation of the United States of America:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The United States wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

In joining consensus on this OSCE Scales of Contributions decision for 2019, the United States has made no commitment regarding the US contribution beyond this period. OSCE Permanent Council Decision No. 408, adopted in 2001, established a 14 per cent ceiling for the field operations scale. The logic behind the ceiling remains valid, and we see no reason for changing it. Furthermore, we recall the significance of the concept of shared responsibilities for both the standard and field operations scales, and intend to participate in future discussions on that basis. Moreover, it is our long-held view that all five criteria applied to the OSCE Scales of Contributions – capacity to pay; the OSCE’s political nature; ceilings; floors; and UN Gross National Income data – remain of equal weight. If the OSCE scales are opened for negotiation beyond 2019, the United States will insist on decreases for both the standard and field operations scales.

We request that this statement be attached to this decision and recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”