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**DECISION No. 454/Corrected reissue*
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE ASSISTANCE GROUP TO CHECHNYA**

The Permanent Council decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya until 31 December 2002.

* Incorporates amendment to the footnote of the attachment.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS/
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By the Delegation of the Russian Federation:

“In connection with the decision adopted today by the Permanent Council on extension of the mandate of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya, the Russian party recalls its well-known statement of 13 March 1997. Bearing in mind the fundamental changes that have taken place in the situation in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation) since April 1995, when the mandate of the Assistance Group was adopted, Russia again draws attention to the fact that the political component of that mandate has been fulfilled in its entirety.

We are proceeding on the assumption that the Assistance Group will be co-operating closely with the central Russian authorities and the local administration of Chechnya as a subject of the Russian Federation, and that the Group’s work is now concentrated on those elements of its mandate that have to do with the co-ordination of humanitarian assistance to the population of Chechnya and assistance with the return of displaced persons.

The Russian Federation requests that this statement be attached to the decision of the Permanent Council.”

* Incorporates amendments to the translation of the interpretative statement.