



PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE

NORWEGIAN TALKING POINTS AFTER THE DECISION ON  
THE UNIFIED BUDGET 2007

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- Norway is pleased that we have just adopted the budget for 2007 and express our thanks to the Chairman of ACMF, the Secretariat and others.
- That said, we would have preferred to have a decision earlier and a slightly higher budget figure. Norway basically supported the budget proposal as presented by the Secretary General.
- Norway does not support the concept of Zero Nominal Growth, which implies that the real value of the budget declines. In our opinion the budget should be based on actual needs and our trust in effective multilateralism.
- In Norway's view there should have been a higher budget for ODIHR, for policing activities and for some of the field missions. We also prefer a higher level for local salaries and BLA (Board and Lodging Allowance). Norway appreciates the efforts to increase local salaries and BLA and hopes for further steps in the same direction.
- Norway supports Performance Based Programme Budgeting. We should try to avoid micromanagement of inputs and activities by the participating States.
- Mr. Chairman, we reiterate that we are very satisfied that the budget has been adopted and look forward to continued good cooperation in ACMF and other fora.