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Délégation du Canada auprès de  
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**JOINT INTERVENTION  
DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR FREDERICKA GREGORY  
ON EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS  
949<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
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Mr. Chairperson,

I have the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Canada.

We have listened with great interest to the statement by the Russian Federation outlining its position on reforming the OSCE budget process and notably with respect to regulations concerning extrabudgetary projects. However, we must voice our disagreement with the points our distinguished Russian colleague has just made.

We firmly believe that one of the strengths of our Organization is its flexibility. Integral to this flexibility is the ability of the Secretary General and Heads of Institutions to accept extra budgetary contributions for special projects and capacity-building work outside of the Unified Budget.

The OSCE's Financial Regulations clearly stipulate that extrabudgetary contributions must be integrated into an approved OSCE programme; and be consistent with the policies and aims of the OSCE.

These regulations provide us with sufficient assurances that extrabudgetary projects will remain within the implementing Fund Manager's mandate. We therefore do not share the concerns expressed by the Russian Federation and see no need to include extrabudgetary contributions under the purview of the Permanent Council.

In closing, we invite the Russian Federation to consider contributing to OSCE extrabudgetary projects and activities, as a means for enhancing the capacity-building and conflict prevention work of our regional organization.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.