

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Ministerial Council

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DECISION No. 4/06 OSCE SENIOR COUNCIL

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling the decisions taken at the CSCE/OSCE's 1990 Paris Summit, 1992 Helsinki Summit and 1994 Budapest Summit in relation to the Senior Council, formerly the Committee of Senior Officials, as well as the related decisions of the Ministerial Council, formerly the Council,

Pursuant to the provision of the 1990, 1992 and 1994 Summit decisions that the Ministerial Council may adopt any amendment to those decisions which it may deem appropriate,

Taking into account the role of the Permanent Council as the principal and regular decision-making body for political consultations and for governing the day-to-day operational work of the OSCE,

Decides:

- 1. To dissolve the Senior Council and transfer its functions and tasks, except for those referred to in paragraph 3 below, to the Permanent Council, without amending the current organizational modalities of work of the Permanent Council;
- 2. To continue convening the Economic Forum as a regular OSCE meeting outside the framework of the Senior Council, under the auspices of the Permanent Council, and with the mandate and functions as previously agreed by the participating States;
- 3. To reaffirm, taking into account the amendments set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, all other provisions of OSCE decisions related to the Economic Forum, in particular those contained in paragraphs 21 to 32 of Chapter VII of the 1992 Helsinki Decisions, related to the mandate, organization and functions of the Economic Forum, as well as paragraph 20 of Chapter IX of the 1994 Budapest Decisions and Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/04;
- 4. To authorize the Permanent Council to take, as necessary, all decisions related to the mandate, functions and organizational modalities of the Economic Forum.