

**55th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 104**

The Permanent Council decides that:

1. The 1996 Economic Forum (Fourth Meeting) will take place at the Czernin Palace, Prague, on 27-29 March 1996.
2. Participants shall mainly be high-level representatives from participating States responsible for shaping international economic policy (trade, investment, services, economic co-operation) in the OSCE area. Participating States are encouraged to include representatives from the private sector in their delegations.
3. The overall theme shall be "Economic Aspects of Security and the OSCE role". The security-related economic aspects which delegations may want to address are inherently diverse. In order to focus discussion, however, the programme will concentrate on the following two main subjects:
  - (a) Managing the social aspects and political risks in the economic transition process; and
  - (b) Building economic confidence in order to promote security.
4. Specifically, the Forum will:
  - (a) Draw conclusions from the implementation review of the economic dimension commitments contained in the Bonn Document of 1990, held in Geneva on 22-23 January 1996;
  - (b) Contribute elements from the economic point of view to the ongoing work on a common and comprehensive security model for Europe for the twenty-first century;
  - (c) Review the seminars held under the economic dimension in 1995; and
  - (d) Adopt a programme for seminars under the economic dimension in 1996; appropriate proposals should be submitted to the Chairman-in-Office well in advance.
5. The format should foresee the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions.

6. Regional and more sharply focused topics shall be reserved for follow-up seminars.
7. An illustrative contribution on the private sector's perception concerning possible economic confidence-building measures would be useful for the discussions.
8. The following international organizations are invited to participate in the 1996 Economic Forum: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Trade Organization, International Labour Organization, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Council of Europe.
9. The partners for co-operation (Japan and the Republic of Korea) and the Mediterranean partners for co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Morocco and Tunisia) are invited to attend the meeting.
10. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings which attended the Third Economic Forum may be invited to attend the Fourth Economic Forum.
11. The Chairman of the Forum will present his summary conclusions from the discussions at the end of the meeting.