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**DECISION No. 1463
DATES AND AGENDA OF THE 2023 ECONOMIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

(Vienna and via video teleconference, 13 November 2023)

The Permanent Council,

Further to Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 on strengthening the effectiveness of the economic and environmental dimension of the OSCE, in which participating States agreed, *inter alia*, to hold the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on an annual basis in accordance with the mandate and modalities established by Permanent Council Decision No. 995,

Decides to convene the 2023 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on 13 November 2023 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda contained in the annex to this decision.

AGENDA OF THE 2023 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Vienna, 13 November 2023
Venue: Hofburg, Neuer Saal
(Vienna and via video teleconference)

Monday, 13 November 2023

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| 9–10.30 a.m. | Opening session: Taking stock of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the field of environment and security |
| 10.30–11 a.m. | Coffee/Tea break |
| 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Session I: Fostering good governance and combating corruption in the sphere of the environment |
| 12.30–2.30 p.m. | Buffet lunch hosted by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) |
| 2.30–4 p.m. | Session II: Strengthening co-operation to address environmental threats including risks of natural and man-made disasters |
| 4–4.30 p.m. | Coffee/Tea break |
| 4.30–6 p.m. | Closing session |

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Canada (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America):

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of this decision on the dates and agenda of the 2023 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting (EEDIM), I would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure on behalf of the following participating States: Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and, my own country, Canada.

The Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting is an important event in the second dimension of the OSCE. All States have joined consensus on the adoption of this decision to ensure that the EEDIM will be well positioned to achieve its objectives.

It is regrettable that this Council, despite the best efforts of the Chairmanship, has not been able to reach the same consensus on decisions on the other annual, mandated events of the OSCE this year: the Annual Security Review Conference in the first dimension, the Economic and Environmental Forum in the second dimension, and the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in the third dimension.

The annually mandated meetings are a critical platform for participating States to discuss the current security context, across all three dimensions, and take action where necessary. As set out in the Helsinki Final Act and reaffirmed repeatedly, including in the Astana Declaration: ‘The OSCE’s comprehensive and co-operative approach to security, which addresses the human, economic and environmental, political and military dimensions of security as an integral whole, remains indispensable.’ A selective approach to our OSCE commitments is not acceptable. Commitments in all three dimensions must be fulfilled, including to hold the mandated meetings and conferences.

With this understanding, we remind all participating States of the obligation to ensure the mandated events take place across all three dimensions in 2024. We call upon all participating States to adopt the decisions related to these meetings in a constructive and timely manner.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”

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The delegation of Spain, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“Honourable Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of this decision on the theme, agenda, and modalities for the 2023 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting (EEDIM), the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The European Union places great value on the economic and environmental dimension as an integral part of OSCE’s comprehensive approach to security. We support the Chairmanship in its efforts to adopt the needed decisions for the consensus-based events and welcome that consensus was reached today on the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting decision.

We regret that some participating States systematically have blocked Permanent Council decisions on mandated events throughout all OSCE dimensions. The EEDIM will be the only mandated event to take place this year. A selective approach is not acceptable. Mandated events should be the rule not the exception. We remind all participating States of the obligation that all mandated events have to take place. Therefore, the related decisions must be adopted in a timely manner.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.

The candidate countries North Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹, Albania¹, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, and Bosnia and Herzegovina¹, the potential candidate country Georgia, and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as San Marino align themselves with this statement.”

1 North Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.