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**DECISION No. 958
STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
WORK IN THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION**

The Permanent Council,

Reaffirming the commitments in the OSCE's economic and environmental dimension,

Underlining the importance and increasing relevance of the economic and environmental dimension as an integral part of the OSCE concept of comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible security,

Stressing the need to continue to streamline and improve the effectiveness of the OSCE's work in the economic and environmental dimension,

Recalling Athens Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/09, which, *inter alia*, tasked the Permanent Council, through its relevant informal subsidiary body and with the support of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, with identifying and adopting, by the end of 2010, appropriate measures to implement recommendations contained in the 2009 Chairmanship's Report on the Future Orientation of the Economic and Environmental Dimension of the OSCE (CIO.GAL/97/09),

Reaffirming that the Economic and Environmental Forum remains the main annual event in the OSCE economic and environmental dimension,

Taking note of the relevant related discussions that took place in 2010,

Decides to synchronize the annual cycle of work in the economic and environmental dimension with the Chairmanship year.

The annual Economic and Environmental Forum will consist of three meetings, each of which will be from two to four days long.

The concluding meeting will be organized in Prague.

In line with previous Permanent Council decisions, the structure of each Economic and Environmental Forum will be determined by the decision by the Permanent Council

regarding the theme(s), agenda and modalities for the Forum, to be adopted in good time, at the proposal of the incoming Chairmanship.

In order to strengthen and improve the effectiveness of work in the economic and environmental dimension, the Forum process for 2011 will be complemented by a meeting dedicated to a review of the implementation of decisions and commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, as well as to future work in the economic and environmental dimension. This meeting will be three days long. Its mandate, modalities, time and agenda will be defined by a Permanent Council decision to be adopted by 1 April 2011.

Taking into account the experience gained, both the structure of the new annual cycle of work in the economic and environmental dimension and the future of the meeting will be subject to review by the Permanent Council by the end of 2011, with a view to deciding on their continuation.

Tasks the Economic and Environmental Committee, with the support of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, with continuing its work towards identifying and proposing further agreed measures by the end of July 2011 to implement the recommendations contained in the 2009 Chairmanship's Report on the Future Orientation of the Economic and Environmental Dimension of the OSCE (CIO.GAL/97/09).