



549th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 666
MAIN SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
FOR THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM**

23 to 27 May 2005

The Permanent Council,

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs 21 to 32, of the Helsinki Document 1992, and to the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension of 2 December 2003 (MC(11).JOUR/2, Annex 1),

Bearing in mind the Decision of the Ministerial Council No. 10/04 of 7 December 2004, and

Recalling its Decision No. 624 of 29 July 2004,

Decides that,

1. Within the framework of the overall theme, “Demographic Trends, Migration and Integrating Persons belonging to National Minorities: Ensuring Security and Sustainable Development in the OSCE Area”, and with regard to the preparatory process, the Thirteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum will concentrate on the following main subjects:
 - (a) Demographic Trends;
 - (b) Migration;
 - (c) Integrating Persons belonging to National Minorities.
2. Moreover, taking into account its mandate, the Economic Forum will:
 - (a) Review the implementation of commitments in the OSCE economic and environmental dimension, focusing on the following topics selected for review: Integration, Trade and Transport;
 - (b) Discuss ongoing and future activities for the economic and environmental dimension, in particular the work on implementing the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension.

3. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for shaping international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. Participation of representatives from the business and scientific communities as well as other relevant actors of civil society in their delegations would be welcome.
4. As in previous years, the format of the Economic Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions.
5. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the Thirteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum: Adriatic and Ionic Initiative; Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Black Sea Economic Co-operation; Central Asian Co-operation Organization; Central European Initiative; Commonwealth of Independent States; Council of the Baltic Sea States; Council of Europe; Economic Co-operation Organization; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Environment Agency; European Investment Bank; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; GUUAM; Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Centre for Migration Policy Development; International Committee of the Red Cross; International Labour Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Organization for Migration; Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Organization of the Treaty of Collective Security; Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Shanghai Co-operation Organization; Southeast European Co-operative Initiative; South-East European Co-operation Process; Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Fund for Women; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; United Nations Population Fund; United Nations Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification; World Bank Group; World Customs Organization; World Food Programme; World Health Organization; World Tourism Organization; World Trade Organization and other relevant organizations.
6. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) and the Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia and Thailand) are invited to participate in the Economic Forum.
7. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings or expert academics and business representatives may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the Thirteenth Economic Forum.
8. Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs 15 and 16, of the Helsinki Document 1992, the representatives of non-governmental organizations with relevant experience in the area under discussion are also invited to participate in the Meeting.
9. The Chair of the Forum will present summary conclusions drawn from the discussions at the end of the Meeting. The Economic and Environmental Subcommittee of the Permanent

Council will further include the conclusions of the Chair and the reports of the rapporteurs in its discussions so that the Permanent Council can take the decisions required for appropriate follow-up activities.