

875th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 1004
THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE
TWENTIETH ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

The Permanent Council,

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs 21 to 32, of the Helsinki Document 1992; Chapter IX, paragraph 20, of the Budapest Document 1994; Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/04 of 7 December 2004; Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/06 of 26 July 2006; Permanent Council Decision No. 743 of 19 October 2006; and Permanent Council Decision No. 958 of 11 November 2010,

Relying on the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (MC(11).JOUR/2), Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/04 of 7 December 2004 on combating corruption, and Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/09 of 2 December 2009 on further OSCE efforts to address transnational threats and challenges to security and stability,

Building on the outcomes of past Economic and Environmental Forums, as well as on the results of relevant OSCE activities, including follow-up activities,

Decides that:

1. The theme of the Twentieth Economic and Environmental Forum will be: “Promoting Security and Stability through Good Governance”;
2. The Twentieth Economic and Environmental Forum will consist of three meetings, including two preparatory meetings, one of which will take place outside of Vienna. The concluding meeting will be held from 12 to 14 September 2012 in Prague. These arrangements shall not set a precedent for future meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum. The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2012, will organize the above-mentioned meetings;
3. The agenda for the Forum will focus on the following topics in relation to good governance:
 - Strengthening of the implementation of anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing mechanisms with a focus on risk assessment and international co-operation;

- Promotion of good governance and transparency, including through the combating of corruption, particularly with a view to strengthening socio-economic development;
 - Contribution of civil society, the media and the private sector in support of good governance and initiatives to combat corruption;
4. The agendas of the Forum meetings, including the timetables and themes of the working sessions, will be proposed and determined by the OSCE Chairmanship for 2012, after being agreed upon by the participating States in the Economic and Environmental Committee;
 5. Moreover, having a view to its tasks, the Economic and Environmental Forum will review the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension. The review, to be integrated into the agenda of the Forum, will address OSCE commitments relevant to the theme of the Twentieth Economic and Environmental Forum;
 6. The discussions of the Forum should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by other OSCE bodies and relevant meetings, organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2012, and deliberations in various international organizations;
 7. Moreover, having a view to its tasks, the Economic and Environmental Forum will discuss current and future activities for the economic and environmental dimension, in particular the work in implementation of the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension;
 8. 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. The participation in their delegations of representatives from the business and scientific communities and of other relevant actors of civil society would be welcome;
 9. As in previous years, the format of the Economic and Environmental Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and should encourage open discussions;
 10. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the Twentieth Economic and Environmental Forum: Asian Development Bank, Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Commonwealth of Independent States, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Council of the Baltic Sea States, Economic Cooperation Organization, Egmont Group, Eurasian Economic Community, Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Europol, Financial Action Task Force, International Anti-Corruption Academy, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, Interpol, Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force, MONEYVAL, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, Regional Cooperation

Council, Secretariat of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, World Bank Group, World Customs Organization, World Trade Organization and other relevant organizations;

11. The OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the Twentieth Economic and Environmental Forum;

12. 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 Twentieth Economic and Environmental Forum;

13. 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 Twentieth Economic and Environmental Forum;

14. In line with the practices established over past years with regard to meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum and their preparatory process, the Chairperson of the Twentieth Economic and Environmental Forum will present summary conclusions and policy recommendations drawn from the discussions. The Economic and Environmental Committee will further include the conclusions of the Chairperson and the reports of the rapporteurs in its discussions so that the Permanent Council can take the decisions required for appropriate policy translation and follow-up activities.