

**Chairmanship: Malta**

**1465th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 12.50 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 6.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador N. Meli Daudey  
Mr. A. Sant Fournier  
Ms. D. Borg

Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/271/24 OSCE+)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY PRIME  
MINISTER – MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN,  
H.E. MR. MURAT NURTLEU

Chairperson, Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/277/24), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/272/24), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/299/24), United States of America (PC.DEL/275/24), Türkiye (PC.DEL/312/24 OSCE+), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/305/24 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/297/24 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus (PC.DEL/285/24 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Cyprus (PC.DEL/302/24 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/311/24 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2:           REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR  
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
(ODIHR)

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/12/24 OSCE+), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Monaco and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/300/24), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/290/24), Canada (PC.DEL/287/24 OSCE+), Montenegro (PC.DEL/308/24 OSCE+), Georgia, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/281/24/Corr.1), Ukraine (PC.DEL/306/24), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/298/24 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/315/24 OSCE+), Poland (PC.DEL/288/24 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/291/24 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/283/24 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/307/24 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/289/24 OSCE+), Italy, Ireland (PC.DEL/304/24), Serbia, Holy See (PC.DEL/284/24 OSCE+), Sweden (also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania and Norway), Kyrgyzstan, Türkiye (PC.DEL/313/24 OSCE+), Lithuania, Belgium-European Union

Agenda item 3:           THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION’S ONGOING AGGRESSION  
AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/295/24), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Monaco and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/301/24), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/276/24), Canada (PC.DEL/286/24), Türkiye (PC.DEL/314/24 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/292/24 OSCE+), Sweden, Norway (PC.DEL/282/24), Latvia (PC.DEL/309/24 OSCE+), Finland, Russian Federation

Agenda item 4:           DECISION ON THE THEME, AGENDA AND  
MODALITIES FOR THE 31ST ECONOMIC AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1480 (PC.DEC/1480) on the theme, agenda and modalities for the 31st Economic and Environmental Forum, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

*Increasing military involvement of certain NATO member States in yet more confrontation in and around Ukraine: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/279/24), United States of America*

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Address by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, H.E. Mr. I. Borg, to the North Atlantic Council, to be held in Brussels on 18 March 2024: Chairperson*
- (b) *Participation of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, H.E. Mr. I. Borg, in the meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group held in London on 12 March 2024: Chairperson*
- (c) *Meetings of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, H.E. Mr. I. Borg, with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom, H.E. Mr. D. Cameron, and with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, H.E. Mr. R. Oliphant, being held in London in the week 11–17 March 2024: Chairperson*

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *OSCE side event on “Empowering Women for Justice: Advancing Gender Equality in Organized Crime Prevention and Exit Strategies” at the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York on 11 March 2024: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/25/24/Rev.1 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Regional Operations Workshop on Combating Trafficking of Cultural Property, focused on North-South Trafficking Routes between Europe and Africa, being held in Valetta from 11 to 15 March 2024: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/25/24/Rev.1 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Child victim identification training course organized by the Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, being held in Romania from 12 to 14 March 2024: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/25/24/Rev.1 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Meeting between the Secretary General and the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, H.E. Mr. D. Lubinets, held on 13 March 2024: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/25/24/Rev.1 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Meeting between the Secretary General and close relatives of Special Monitoring Mission staff members, to be held in Vienna on 15 March 2024: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/25/24/Rev.1 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Farewell to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the OSCE, Ambassador M. Carpenter: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), United States of America (PC.DEL/278/24)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 21 March 2024, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



**1465th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1480  
THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE  
31st 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; Permanent Council Decision No. 958 of 11 November 2010; and Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 of 7 December 2011,

Relying on the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (Annex 1 of MC(11).JOUR/2) and relevant Ministerial Council decisions,

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

Decides that:

1. The theme of the 31st Economic and Environmental Forum will be: “Enhancing security and stability in the OSCE region through digital innovation, contributing to sustainable development and climate adaptation”;
2. The 31st 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 on 12 and 13 September 2024 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 2024, will organize the above-mentioned meetings;

3. The agenda of the Forum will focus on the impact of the following topics on the comprehensive security of the OSCE area:
  - The importance of digital technologies and capacity-building in strengthening efforts to combat corruption and facilitate asset recovery, as well as fostering transparency and accountability;
  - Advancing innovative agricultural, food and energy policies to facilitate sustainable economic development and green growth;
  - Improving environmental protection, strengthening good governance and the sustainable use and management of natural resources, to mitigate environmental hazards;
  - Addressing the economic, environmental and social impacts of climate change which may negatively affect prosperity, stability and security in the OSCE area;
4. The agendas of the Forum meetings, including timetables and themes of the working sessions, will be proposed and determined by the OSCE Chairmanship for 2024, after being agreed upon by the participating States in the Economic and Environmental Committee;
5. The Economic and Environmental Forum will review the implementation of the OSCE's commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, including through presentations of activities implemented by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and the field operations;
6. The discussions at 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 2024, and from deliberations in various international organizations;
7. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level by senior officials responsible for shaping national and international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. Participation in their delegations of representatives from the business and scientific communities and of other relevant actors of civil society would be welcome;
8. As in previous years, the format of the Economic and Environmental Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions;
9. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the 31st Economic and Environmental Forum: Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; 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; Energy Community; Energy Charter Treaty; Eurasian Economic Commission; Eurasian Economic Union; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Environment Agency; European Investment Bank; Food and

Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Green Cross International; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Energy Agency; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Maritime Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; International Committee of the Red Cross; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC); OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID); Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organisation of Islamic Cooperation; Regional Cooperation Council; Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees; UN Women; United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia; World Bank Group; World Health Organization; World Meteorological Organization; World Trade Organization; Advisory Group on Environmental Emergencies; Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; United Nations Children’s Fund; Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI); United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination; International Civil Defence Organization; World Food Programme; Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery; Inter-Parliamentary Union; Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC); Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC); Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity; and other relevant organizations;

10. The OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the 31st Economic and Environmental Forum;

11. 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 31st Economic and Environmental Forum;

12. 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 31st Economic and Environmental Forum;

13. The 2024 preparatory meetings will be held in English and Russian with interpretation. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent to be relied upon in other circumstances.