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PROPOSALS

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Working Groups B 3, B 4 and Joint Sessions A & B

The OSCE economic activities should be strengthened, in order to contribute, in partnership with interested Governments of Participating States, to the following:

- promotion of organizational, administrative and financial independence of business associations;
- support for initiatives on establishment of business associations in less developed regions of interested Participating States;
- support for initiatives aimed at empowerment of the most vulnerable segments of population such as refugees, IDPs and younger generation;
- assistance to Participating States in strengthening their export capacities via legislative initiatives and institutional capacity-building, including support to trade and investment promotion agencies;
- development of a comprehensive set of specific incentives to attract foreign investments, including improvement of the legal and institutional framework to attract FDI through privatization programs;
- promotion of public-private partnerships in order to contribute to establishment of favorable investment climate, SMEs development, implementation of poverty alleviation programs and elimination of regional disparities.