

856th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 995
DATES, AGENDA, MANDATE AND MODALITIES OF THE
ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Reiterating that the economic and environmental dimension is an integral part of the OSCE concept of comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible security,

Determined to further develop mutually beneficial co-operation aimed at addressing the impact on security of economic and environmental challenges in the region, as stipulated in the Astana Commemorative Declaration adopted at the Astana Summit, 2010,

Recalling the Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, adopted at the Eleventh Meeting of the Ministerial Council, in Maastricht in 2003, as well as other OSCE decisions relevant to the economic and environmental dimension,

Further to Decision No. 4/09, adopted at the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council, in Athens, on Future Orientation of the Economic and Environmental Dimension, and Permanent Council Decision No. 958 on Strengthening and Improving the Effectiveness of Work in the Economic and Environmental Dimension,

Taking into account the discussions at the OSCE Review Conference in 2010, and further preparatory work conducted in the run up to the OSCE Astana Summit, 2010,

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

Aiming to improve the implementation of commitments as well as the effectiveness of work in the economic and environmental dimension,

Mindful of the importance of continuity in the work of the OSCE within the economic and environmental dimension,

Decides to convene the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting from 17 to 19 October 2011, in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda contained in the annex to this decision.

Mandate

The Meeting will provide a framework for enhancing dialogue and co-operation on key thematic areas within the economic and environmental dimension throughout the year, in particular to:

- Review implementation of decisions and commitments in the economic and environmental dimension;
- Contribute to setting out the future work in the economic and environmental dimension;
- Discuss aspects of regional and subregional co-operation, where the appropriate conditions exist;
- Exchange experiences and best practices;
- Strengthen co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions, as well as with academia and civil society;
- Discuss the activities of the OCEEA and other OSCE structures relevant to the economic and environmental dimension, including through presentations of activities by the field presences;
- Contribute to preparations for Ministerial Council meeting;
- Further enhance interactions and co-ordination between delegations, the Secretariat, and economic and environmental officers from the OSCE field operations;
- Discuss outcomes of and follow-up to the Economic and Environmental Forum.

The Meeting will complement the Economic and Environmental Forum process. The discussions of the Meeting should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by OSCE structures and by relevant meetings and deliberations in various other international organizations and fora.

Modalities

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 OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate and make both oral and written contributions.

Relevant international and regional organizations and institutions will be invited to participate.

Regional groupings, expert academics and business representatives may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate.

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.

The rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied to the Meeting.

The Permanent Council, taking into account the experience gained, will decide by the end of 2011 on the continuation of organizing Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meetings in the future.

AGENDA OF THE 2011 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Vienna, 17 to 19 October 2011

Monday, 17 October 2011

- 10–11 a.m. Opening remarks
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Session 1: Follow-up to the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum devoted to the promotion of common actions and co-operation in the OSCE area in the fields of development of sustainable energy and transport
- 3–6 p.m. Session 2: Follow-up to the ideas and proposals relevant to the EED put forward in the preparation for the Astana Summit and within the framework of the “V to V Dialogue”

Tuesday, 18 October 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Session 3: Discussion on the implementation of decisions and commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, with a focus on the thematic work of the Economic and Environmental Committee throughout the year 2011, *inter alia*, in the areas of good governance, fighting corruption, money-laundering and financing of terrorism; energy security; modernization of economies; and environment and security
- 3–6 p.m. Session 4: Presentation of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) and field presences activities in the Economic and Environmental Dimension, including co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations, as well as outcomes of the OSCE chairing of the Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative

Wednesday, 19 October 2011

- 10 a.m.–12 noon Concluding session: The way forward and recommendations for future actions
- 12 noon–1 p.m. Closing session