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**PROPOSALS**  
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**Working Groups A 3 and A 4**

OSCE should strengthen its cooperation with public and private sectors of interested Participating States to assist in:

- facilitating exchange of information on existing investment opportunities and resources available and dissemination of this information through various networks;
- contributing to trade liberalization and intra-and interregional trade facilitation;
- bringing in expertise and financial support of relevant international and regional organizations as well as financial institutions to implement and/or contribute to implementation of regional projects and initiatives.
- Referring to the OSCE Strategy Document for Economic and Environmental Dimension it is important to acknowledge that inter-state and intra-state conflicts impede regional economic development and undermine the security in the region. Unresolved conflicts also considerably deter FDI flow in the region and consequently hamper economic development of individual states and a region as whole. Therefore, as a political organization possessing the relevant profile and vested with the necessary mandate, OSCE should play an essential role in resolution of all conflicts in the OSCE area to create environment conducive to economic growth and cooperation.