

93rd Plenary Meeting

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The Permanent Council decides that:

1. The 1997 Economic Forum (Fifth Meeting) will take place at the Czernin Palace, Prague, 11-13 June 1997.
2. The participants shall mainly be high-level representatives from participating States responsible for shaping international economic policy and legislation (trade, investment, services, economic co-operation) in the OSCE area. Participating States are encouraged to include representatives from the private sector in their delegations.
3. The overall theme shall be "Market Economy and the Rule of Law". Particular emphasis should be given to security-related aspects of economic legislation. In order to thus focus the discussion, the Economic Forum will concentrate on the following two main subjects:
 - (a) Coverage and Implementation of Economic Legislation
 - (b) Accessibility, Transparency and Stability of Economic Legislation
4. The Forum will:
 - (a) Contribute to the work in progress on a common and comprehensive security model for Europe for the twenty-first century - elements bearing on economic issues;
 - (b) Review the implementation of commitments in the economic dimension;
 - (c) Review the seminars held under the economic dimension in 1996/97;
 - (d) Adopt a programme for seminars under the economic dimension in 1997/1998. Appropriate proposals should be submitted to the Chairman-in-Office well in advance.
5. Like the Fourth Economic Forum, the format should foresee the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions.
6. Regional and more sharply focused topics shall be reserved for follow-up seminars.

7. A contribution illustrating the private sector's perception of possible measures with a view to enhancing the accessibility, transparency and stability of economic legislation would be useful for the discussions.
8. The following international organizations are invited to participate in the 1997 Economic Forum: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Trade Organization, International Labour Organization, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Council of Europe.
9. The partners for co-operation (Japan and the Republic of Korea) and the Mediterranean partners for co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Morocco, and Tunisia) are invited to attend the meeting.
10. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings which attended the Fourth Economic Forum may also be invited to attend the Fifth Economic Forum.
11. The Chairman of the Forum will present his summary conclusions from the discussions at the end of the meeting.