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**DECISION No. 340
THE MAIN SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
FOR THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM
11-14 APRIL 2000**

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs (21) to (32), of the Helsinki Document 1992, and

Recalling its Decision No. 308 of 1 July 1999,

The Permanent Council decides that,

1. Within the framework of the overall theme “Economic aspects of post-conflict rehabilitation: the challenges of transformation” and with regard to the three preparatory seminars, that were held in the course of 1999 and 2000, the Eighth Meeting of the Economic Forum will concentrate on the following main subjects:
 - (a) Economic rehabilitation and the next steps in the transition: institution-building, rule of law and the role of civil society
 - (b) Environmental impact of conflicts; rehabilitation measures
 - (c) Experiences with post-conflict rehabilitation efforts.
2. Moreover, taking into account its mandate, the Economic Forum will
 - (a) Review the implementation of commitments in the economic dimension and the recommendations of the Seventh Economic Forum, including the seminars held under the economic dimension since the last Economic Forum.
 - (b) Discuss future activities for the economic dimension in 2000/2001.
3. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level by officials responsible for shaping international economic policy in the OSCE area. Participation of representatives from the private sector in their delegations would be welcome.
4. As in previous years, the format of the Economic Forum should foresee the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions.

5. The following international organizations are invited to participate in the Eighth Meeting of the Economic Forum: Council of Europe, Energy Charter Secretariat, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Environment Agency, European Investment Bank, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, World Health Organization and other relevant organizations.
6. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) and the Partners for Co-operation (Japan and the Republic of Korea) are invited to participate in the Economic Forum.
7. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the Eighth Meeting of the Economic Forum.
8. Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs (15) and (16), of the Helsinki Document 1992, the representatives of non-governmental organizations, having relevant experience in the area under discussion are free after registering with the OSCE Secretariat to participate in the meeting.
9. The Chair of the Forum will present his/her summary conclusions from the discussions at the end of the meeting.