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**DECISION No. 809
DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
FOR THE OPERATION OF OSCE EXECUTIVE STRUCTURES**

The Permanent Council,

Bearing in mind the need to utilize more efficiently and effectively the Organization's resources,

Taking note of the progress achieved in other international organizations with regard to environmental management systems, committed to the prudent use of resources and determined to apply to itself the very principles it promotes,

Reaffirming commitments undertaken in the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, in particular, the need to protect the environment for future generations and noting the important work done by the United Nations Global Compact Initiative,

Taking note of the OSCE Code of Conduct for OSCE Staff,

With a view to developing an internal environmental policy for the operation of OSCE executive structures, within existing resources,

Decides to:

1. Task the Secretary General with developing, within existing resources, proposals for an internal environmental policy in line with international standards and a timetable for its implementation in the operation of OSCE executive structures, with determining the relevant cost implications, and with presenting the draft policy to the Economic and Environmental Committee and the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance for discussion by mid-2008;
2. Request all institutions, missions and departments to contribute to the development of this proposal and promote best practices to implement environmentally friendly policies within the OSCE executive structures.