



445th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 538
MAIN SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE
ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM**

20 to 23 May 2003

The Permanent Council,

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

Recalling its Decision No. 490 of 25 July 2002,

Decides that,

1. Within the framework of the overall theme, “Trafficking in Human Beings, Drugs, Small Arms and Light Weapons: National and International Economic Impact”, and with regard to the preparatory process, the Eleventh Meeting of the Economic Forum will concentrate on the following main subjects:

- (a) Issues related to the economic impact of trafficking on OSCE participating States, both within and across borders;
- (b) Policies and instruments, reviewing policies at national level and their effectiveness on anti-trafficking and organized crime;
- (c) Anti-trafficking in the OSCE, the multidimensional perspective and the impact on the OSCE agenda;

2. Moreover, taking into account its mandate, the Economic Forum will:

- (a) Review the implementation of commitments in the economic and environmental dimensions and the recommendations of recent Economic Fora, including the seminars held on subjects related to the economic and environmental dimensions since the last Economic Forum;
- (b) Discuss future activities for the economic and environmental dimensions in 2003/2004, including the work on developing the new OSCE Strategy Document in the Economic and Environmental Dimension;

- (c) Present in a special session via video-link to the Kiev Ministerial Meeting on the Environment for Europe process, the results of the first phase of the OSCE/UNEP/UNDP Environment and Security initiative;
 - (d) Enhance co-operation between the OSCE and international economic and environmental regional organizations and financial institutions.
3. The participating States are encouraged to send representatives at a high level, by senior officials responsible for shaping international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. Participation of representatives from the private sector and other relevant actors of civil society in their delegations would be welcome.
4. As in previous years, the format of the Economic Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions.
5. The following international organizations, international organs and conferences of States are invited to participate in the Eleventh Meeting of the Economic Forum: Black Sea Economic Co-operation; Central European Initiative; Commonwealth of Independent States; Council of Europe; Economic Cooperation Organization; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Investment Bank; Europol; Financial Action Task Force; GUUAM; International Labour Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Narcotics Control Board; International Organization for Migration; Interpol; Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Organization of the Treaty of Collective Security; South-East European Co-operation Process; Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; World Bank; World Customs 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, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Afghanistan) are invited to participate in the Economic Forum.
7. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings or expert academics may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the Eleventh 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 with relevant experience in the area under discussion are also invited to participate in the Meeting.
9. The Chair of the Forum will present summary conclusions drawn from the discussions at the end of the Meeting. The Economic and Environmental Sub-Committee of the Permanent Council will further include the conclusions of the Chair and the reports of the rapporteurs in its discussions so that the Permanent Council can take the decisions required for appropriate follow-up activities.