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**DECISION No. 959
THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE
NINETEENTH ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

The Permanent Council,

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs 21 to 32, of the Helsinki Document 1992; Chapter IX, paragraph 20, of the Budapest Document 1994; Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/04 of 7 December 2004; Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/06 of 26 July 2006; and Permanent Council Decision No. 743 of 19 October 2006,

Relying on the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (MC(11).JOUR/2), the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept (MC.DOC/2/05), Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/06 on future transport dialogue in the OSCE and Ministerial Council Decision No. 9/08 on follow-up to the Sixteenth Economic and Environmental Forum on maritime and inland waterways co-operation, Ministerial Council Decision No. 12/06 on energy security dialogue in the OSCE, and Ministerial Council Decision No. 6/09 on strengthening dialogue and co-operation on energy security in the OSCE area,

Building on the outcomes of past Economic and Environmental Forums, as well as on the results of relevant OSCE activities, including follow-up activities,

Taking into account the closing statement by the Chairperson of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Economic and Environmental Forum,

Decides that:

1. The theme of the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum will be: Promotion of common actions and co-operation in the OSCE area in the fields of development of sustainable energy and transport;
2. The Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum will consist of three meetings, including two preparatory meetings, one of which will take place outside of Vienna. The concluding meeting will be held from 14 to 16 September 2011 in Prague. These arrangements shall not set a precedent for future Economic and Environmental Forums. The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the 2011 OSCE Chairmanship, will organize the above-mentioned meetings;

3. The agenda of the Forum will focus on the following topics:
 - Dialogue on the promotion of sustainable transport, including integration of transport networks through reduction of barriers and simplification of border-crossing procedures; improvement of energy efficiency in transport area; and the role of clean technologies;
 - Dialogue on the promotion of sustainable energy, including new and renewable as well as traditional energy sources; good governance and transparency in the energy field; energy efficiency; low-carbon energy technologies; and fostering of multi-stakeholder dialogue and co-operation between energy producers, consumers and transit countries;
 - Regional and subregional co-operation on sustainable energy and transport, and sharing of best practices and exchange of experiences in these fields;
4. The agendas of the Forum meetings, including timetables and themes of working sessions, will be proposed and determined by the 2011 OSCE Chairmanship, after being agreed upon by the participating States in the Economic and Environmental Committee;
5. Moreover, having a view to its tasks, the Economic and Environmental Forum will review the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension. The review, to be integrated into the agenda of the Forum, will address OSCE commitments relevant to the theme of the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum;
6. The discussions of the Forum should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by other OSCE bodies and by relevant meetings and deliberations in various international organizations;
7. Moreover, having a view to its tasks, the Economic and Environmental Forum will discuss current and future activities for the economic and environmental dimension, in particular the work in implementation of the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension;
8. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for shaping international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. The participation in their delegations of representatives from the business and scientific communities and of other relevant actors of civil society would be welcome;
9. As in previous years, the format of the Economic and Environmental Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions;
10. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum: Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation; Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; Council of Europe; Council of the Baltic Sea States;

Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Charter Treaty; Energy Community; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Environment Agency; European Investment Bank; Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia); Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF); Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Energy Agency; International Energy Forum; International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA); International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Labour Organization; International Maritime Organisation; International Monetary Fund; International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC); International Rail Transport Committee; International Road Transport Union; International Road Federation; International Union of Railways; International Transport Forum; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries; Organization for Cooperation of Railways; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Regional Cooperation Council; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia; World Bank Group; World Customs Organization; World Trade Organization; Secretariat of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative; and other relevant organizations;

11. The Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum;

12. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings or expert academics and business representatives may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum;

13. 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 Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum;

14. In line with the practices established over past years with regard to meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum and their preparatory process, the Chairperson of the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum will present summary conclusions and policy recommendations drawn from the discussions at the 2011 Meeting, as stipulated by Permanent Council Decision No. 958, which will complement the Forum process. The Economic and Environmental Committee will further include the conclusions of the Chairperson and the reports of the rapporteurs in its discussions so that the Permanent Council can take the decisions required for appropriate policy translation and follow-up activities.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Azerbaijan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to make the following interpretative statement with regard to paragraph 3, third subparagraph, of document PC.DD/38/10/Rev.1.

Azerbaijan attaches importance to co-operation on sustainable energy and transport, and sharing of best practices and exchange of experiences in these fields. However, when it comes to the regional and subregional contexts, the issue of the existence of appropriate conditions should be taken duly into account, in view of the well-known situation in the regions affected by armed conflict.

While joining the consensus on the present document, we would like once again to register this unchanged position of our delegation.

I request that this statement be appended to the journal of the present meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson”.