

Chairmanship: Lithuania

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(893rd Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Wednesday, 7 December 2011 (Vilnius)

Opened: 6.55 p.m.

Closed: 7.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1010 (PC.DEC/1010) on forwarding of draft documents to the Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL
DIMENSION OF THE OSCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1011 (PC.DEC/1011) on strengthening the effectiveness of the economic and environmental dimension of the OSCE, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE, Ambassador M. Beham and the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the OSCE, Ambassador J. Bernhard: Chairperson, Serbia, Denmark*
- (b) *Matters of protocol: Ireland*
- (c) *Organizational matters: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 December 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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PC Journal No. 893, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 1010
FORWARDING OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to request the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson of the Ministerial Council the following documents:

- Draft decision on elements of the conflict cycle, related to enhancing the OSCE's capabilities in early warning, early action, dialogue facilitation and mediation support, and post-conflict rehabilitation (MC.DD/21/11/Rev.3);
- Draft decision on strengthening OSCE engagement with Afghanistan (MC.DD/11/11/Rev.6);
- Draft decision on Partners for Co-operation (MC.DD/9/11/Rev.6/Corr.1);
- Draft decision on strengthening co-ordination and coherence in the OSCE's efforts to address transnational threats (MC.DD/17/11/Rev.2);
- Draft decision on promoting equal opportunity for women in the economic sphere (MC.DD/12/11/Rev.4);
- Draft decision on strengthening transport dialogue in the OSCE (MC.DD/13/11/Rev.3);
- Draft Ministerial declaration on combating all forms of human trafficking (MC.DD/27/11/Rev.1);
- Draft decision on the application of Mongolia to become a participating State (MC.DD/26/11/Rev.1);
- Draft decision on the OSCE consecutive Chairmanships in 2014 and 2015 (MC.DD/28/11/Rev.2);
- Draft decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council (MC.DD/23/11);

Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of the above-mentioned documents;

Further recommends that the draft decision on the OSCE consecutive Chairmanships in 2014 and 2015 be placed under silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 10 February 2012 at 12 noon CET.



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**DECISION No. 1011
STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ECONOMIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION OF THE OSCE**

The Permanent Council,

Reaffirming the commitments in the OSCE's economic and environmental dimension,

Emphasizing the importance and increasing relevance of the OSCE's economic and environmental dimension and its activities,

Recognizing that the OSCE concept of comprehensive, co-operative, equal and indivisible security links economic and environmental co-operation with peaceful inter-State relations,

Being determined to further develop mutually beneficial co-operation aimed at addressing the impact on security of economic and environmental challenges in the OSCE area, as stipulated in the Astana Commemorative Declaration adopted at the Astana Summit meeting of 2010,

Recalling the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension adopted at the Eleventh Meeting of the Ministerial Council in Maastricht in 2003,

Recognizing the potential of activities in the economic and environmental dimension in contributing to confidence and security in the OSCE area,

Stressing the contribution of Economic and Environmental Officers towards facilitating the implementation of OSCE activities in the economic and environmental dimension in accordance with the mandates of their respective field operations and with priorities set out by the participating States in the relevant OSCE decisions,

Recalling Athens Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/09 on the future orientation of the economic and environmental dimension, in which participating States stressed, *inter alia*, the need to continue to streamline and improve the effectiveness of the OSCE's work in the economic and environmental dimension,

Further to the Permanent Council Decision No. 958 on strengthening and improving the effectiveness of work in the economic and environmental dimension, which tasks the

Economic and Environmental Committee, with the support of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, with continuing its work towards identifying and proposing further agreed measures to implement the recommendations contained in the 2009 Chairmanship's Report on the Future Orientation of the Economic and Environmental Dimension of the OSCE (CIO.GAL/97/09),

Reaffirming that the Economic and Environmental Forum is the main annual event within the economic and environmental dimension,

Taking into account Permanent Council Decision No. 995 on the dates, agenda, mandate and modalities of the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting,

Noting the attention given to strengthening the effectiveness of the economic and environmental dimension within the Corfu Process, at the 2010 OSCE Review Conference, the 2010 Astana Summit meeting and the 2011 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, and in ongoing consultations within the Economic and Environmental Committee of the OSCE Permanent Council,

Aiming to improve the implementation of OSCE commitments and the effectiveness of its work in the economic and environmental dimension,

1. Underlines that the 2003 Maastricht Strategy Document for the economic and environmental dimension constitutes the basic comprehensive framework for the OSCE's work in the economic and environmental dimension and provides strategic guidance to the participating States and OSCE executive structures;
2. Emphasizes the need to continue promoting co-operation by increasing the focus of the OSCE work in the economic and environmental dimension on the basis of the concept of comprehensive security by taking into account the interlinkages with other dimensions through, *inter alia*, the Organization, on the initiative of the Chairmanship and/or participating States, of events on cross-dimensional issues;
3. Agrees on the need for improved continuity in the focus of work in the economic and environmental dimension from year to year;
4. Encourages the OSCE Chairmanship, in consultation within the OSCE Troika, the participating States and the Secretariat and on the basis of the 2003 Maastricht Strategy Document for the economic and environmental dimension and other relevant OSCE documents and decisions, to identify priority themes for the Economic and Environmental Committee to focus on during the respective Chairmanship's year;
5. Encourages the OSCE Chairmanship to continue the practice of organizing thematic meetings of the Economic and Environmental Committee and special events, and, with the support of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and other relevant executive structures, to ensure an appropriate follow-up to Ministerial Council decisions and to previous Economic and Environmental Forums;
6. Encourages the OSCE Chairmanship, with the support of the OSCE executive structures, to take discussions forward on strengthening the effectiveness of the economic and

environmental dimension, in a transparent and constructive manner, taking into account the experience gained so far within the Corfu Process, at the 2010 Review Conference, and in the V to V Dialogue;

7. Decides to maintain the practice of synchronizing the annual cycle of work in the economic and environmental dimension with the Chairmanship's year;
8. Decides to hold the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on an annual basis in accordance with the mandate and modalities established by Permanent Council Decision No. 995, with the dates and agenda of each Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting being defined by a decision of the Permanent Council;
9. Encourages the OSCE Chairmanship to invite the Economic and Environmental Officers to the Economic and Environmental Committee and other relevant meetings, with a view to strengthening co-ordination between delegations of participating States, the Secretariat and Economic and Environmental Officers;
10. Tasks the Economic and Environmental Committee with initiating reviewing implementation of the 2003 OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, in order to determine if the Strategy needs to be adapted to the evolving economic and environmental challenges, and to present a progress report on this issue to the Permanent Council/Ministerial Council, as appropriate, by the end of 2012.