

1348th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 1433
THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE
30th 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; Permanent Council Decision No. 743 of 19 October 2006; Permanent Council Decision No. 958 of 11 November 2010; and Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 of 7 December 2011,

Relying on the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (Annex 1 of MC(11).JOUR/2) and relevant Ministerial Council decisions,

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

Decides that:

1. The theme of the 30th Economic and Environmental Forum will be: “Promoting security and stability in the OSCE area through sustainable economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”;
2. The 30th 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 on 8 and 9 September 2022 in Prague. These arrangements shall not set a precedent for future meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum. The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2022, will organize the above-mentioned meetings;
3. The agenda of the Forum will focus on the impact of the following topics on the comprehensive security of the OSCE area:
 - Supporting sustainable economic recovery and growth, including through the promotion of investment, good governance and anti-corruption, trade and transport facilitation, entrepreneurship and the development of business;

- Enhancing human capital development strategies as a means to stimulate employment, competitiveness and inclusive growth;
 - Promoting digital and technological innovations to accelerate green growth and reduce the environmental footprint in the OSCE area;
 - Enhancing the protection of the environment and sustainable use of natural resources; strengthening co-operation in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources with the view of greening the economy;
4. The agendas of the Forum meetings, including timetables and themes of the working sessions, will be proposed and determined by the OSCE Chairmanship for 2022, after being agreed upon by the participating States in the Economic and Environmental Committee;
 5. The Economic and Environmental Forum will review the implementation of the OSCE's commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, including through presentations of activities implemented by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and the field operations;
 6. The discussions at the Forum should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by other OSCE bodies and relevant meetings organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2022, and from deliberations in various international organizations;
 7. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level by senior officials responsible for shaping national and international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. Participation in their delegations of representatives from the business and scientific communities and of other relevant actors of civil society would be welcome;
 8. 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;
 9. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the 30th Economic and Environmental Forum: Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; 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 Community; Energy Charter Treaty; Eurasian Economic Commission; Eurasian Economic Union; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Environment Agency; European Investment Bank; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Green Cross International; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Energy Agency; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Maritime Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; International Committee of the Red Cross; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC); OPEC Fund for

International Development (OFID); Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organisation of Islamic Cooperation; Regional Cooperation Council; Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees; UN Women; United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia; World Bank Group; World Health Organization; World Meteorological Organization; World Trade Organization; Advisory Group on Environmental Emergencies; Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; United Nations Children’s Fund; Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI); United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination; International Civil Defence Organization; World Food Programme; Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery; Inter-Parliamentary Union; Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC); Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC); Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity; and other relevant organizations;

10. The OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the 30th Economic and Environmental Forum;

11. 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 30th Economic and Environmental Forum;

12. 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 30th Economic and Environmental Forum;

13. The 2022 preparatory meetings will be held in English and Russian with interpretation. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent to be relied upon in other circumstances.

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Attachment 1

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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 Canada (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America):

“Madam Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of this decision on the theme, agenda, and modalities for the 30th Economic and Environmental Forum, I would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Canada:

The Economic and Environmental Forum is the premier event in the second dimension of the OSCE. Our States have joined consensus on the timely adoption of this decision to ensure that the Forum will be well positioned to achieve its objectives.

Similarly, it is of critical importance that the decisions on the premier events in the first dimension, the Annual Security Review Conference, and in the third dimension, the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, are also adopted in a timely manner to ensure that they too are well positioned to achieve their objectives. We would therefore expect that all participating States will join consensus on the decisions related to these events in the same timely manner.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”

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The delegation of Slovenia, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“Madam Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of this decision on the theme, agenda and modalities for the 30th Economic and Environmental Forum, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The Economic and Environmental Forum is the premier event in the second dimension of the OSCE. We have joined consensus on the timely adoption of this decision to ensure that the Forum will be well positioned to achieve its objectives.

Similarly, it is of critical importance that the decisions on the premier events in the first dimension, the Annual Security Review Conference, and in the third dimension, the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, are also adopted in a timely manner to ensure that they too are well positioned to achieve their objectives. We would therefore expect that all participating States will join consensus on the decisions related to these events in the same timely manner.

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Thank you.

The candidate countries the Republic of North Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Georgia, and San Marino align themselves with this statement.”

¹ The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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By the delegation of the United States of America:

“Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

The United States wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The United States welcomes the adoption of this decision and the 2022 Polish Chairmanship’s efforts to promote comprehensive security, stability and sustainable development in the OSCE area through sustainable economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In joining consensus on the Economic and Environmental Forum (EEF) theme, agenda and modalities, the United States wishes to review and reiterate the commitments that participating States have made regarding inviting relevant organizations to the EEF. Relevance for the purpose of being invited to participate in the EEF has two essential elements: first, the international organizations’ expertise or programming relevant to the EEF theme of the year; and second, that those organizations’ goals and actions are consistent with the commitments participating States made at the 1999 Istanbul Summit in the Charter for European Security, paragraph III.32, and the Operational Document of the Platform for Co-operative Security, paragraphs I.1–2.

In addition, the continued involvement of civil society organizations, private sector representatives and academics will also support a candid debate about today’s pressing economic and environmental challenges.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.”