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**DECISION No. 490
PLACE, DATE AND THEME FOR THE
ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM**

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account the Chairperson's Summary of the Tenth Meeting of the Economic Forum,

Decides that the Eleventh Meeting of the Economic Forum will take place in Prague from 20 to 23 May 2003. The theme of the Forum will be "Trafficking in Human Beings, Drugs, Small Arms and Light Weapons: National and International Economic Impact".

Discussions of the Forum should benefit from input provided by deliberations in various international organizations, other OSCE bodies and relevant meetings, including seminars.

Moreover, taking into account its tasks, the Economic Forum will review the implementation of commitments in the economic dimension.

The organizational modalities will be further elaborated and submitted to the Permanent Council for adoption in due time.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of the Russian Federation:

“In connection with the OSCE Permanent Council decision adopted today ‘on the place, date and theme of the eleventh meeting of the Economic Forum’, the Russian Federation wishes to make the following statement.

Not wishing to break the consensus, the Russian Federation has agreed to the theme proposed by the Netherlands for the Economic Forum in 2003. At the same time, we continue to insist that account be taken of Russia’s views regarding the agenda and modalities of the Forum, including its transition to a multi-thematic format. We are counting on the fact that the Netherlands chairmanship will hold a seminar next year on the effects of globalization on the economies of the OSCE countries as well as a special meeting of the Permanent Council on topical issues relating to the development of integration processes in the Euro-Atlantic region with the participation of representatives from international organizations (the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the International Labour Organization and others), the European Union, financial institutions (the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) and subregional integration associations (the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, the Barents Euro-Arctic Council, the Council of Baltic Sea States, the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, etc.) and also that it will support the subjects proposed by the Russian Federation for consideration by the Economic and Environmental Sub-Committee of the Permanent Council, with a view, *inter alia*, to increasing the effectiveness of economic forums.

The Russian Federation requests that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision of the OSCE Permanent Council.”