

501st Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 602
THE MAIN SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
FOR THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM**

31 May to 4 June 2004

The Permanent Council,

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs 21 to 32, of the Helsinki Document 1992, and to the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension of 2 December 2003 (MC(11).JOUR/2, Annex 1), and

Recalling its Decision No. 558 of 31 July 2003,

Decides that,

1. Within the framework of the overall theme, “New Challenges for Building up Institutional and Human Capacity for Economic Development and Co-operation”, and with regard to the preparatory process, the Twelfth Meeting of the Economic Forum will concentrate on the following main subjects:

- (a) Supporting the development of SME;
- (b) Stimulating foreign and domestic investment;
- (c) Professional skills needed for developing a market economy.

A special session will be devoted to the integration processes in the OSCE region.

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

- (a) Review the implementation of commitments in the economic and environmental dimension;
- (b) Discuss ongoing and future activities for the economic and environmental dimension in 2004/2005, in particular the work on implementing the new OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension.

(c) Discuss on how to further enhance co-operation between the OSCE and international economic and environmental organizations and financial institutions.

3. 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. Participation of representatives from the business and scientific communities as well as 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, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the Twelfth Meeting of the Economic Forum: Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Black Sea Economic Co-operation; Central Asian Co-operation Organization; Central European Initiative; Commonwealth of Independent States; Council of the Baltic Sea States; Council of Europe; Economic Cooperation Organization; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Investment Bank; GUUAM; International Labour Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Organization for Migration; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Organization of the Treaty of Collective Security; Shanghai Co-operation Organization; Southeast European Co-operative Initiative; South-East European Co-operation Process; Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; 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 Office on Drugs and Crime; World Bank Group; World Customs Organization; World Health Organization; World Tourism Organization; World Trade 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 (Afghanistan, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) are invited to participate in the Economic Forum.

7. 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 Twelfth 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.