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**DECISION No. 404
MAIN SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR
THE NINTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM
15-18 May 2001**

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs (21) to (32), of the Helsinki Document 1992, and

Recalling its Decision No. 363 of 22 June 2000,

The Permanent Council decides that,

1. Within the framework of the overall theme “Transparency and good governance in economic matters” and with regard to the preparatory process, the Ninth Meeting of the Economic Forum will concentrate on the following main subjects:

- (a) Issues related to the promotion of transparency and good governance;
- (b) Actors involved in the promotion of transparency and good governance;
- (c) Instruments for promoting transparency and good governance.

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

- (a) Review the implementation of commitments in the economic dimension and the recommendations of the Eighth Economic Forum, including the seminars held under the economic dimension since the last Economic Forum;
- (b) Discuss future activities for the economic dimension in 2001/2002.

3. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level by officials responsible for shaping international economic policy in the OSCE area. Participation of representatives from the private sector in their delegations would be welcome.

4. As in previous years, the format of the Economic Forum should foresee the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions.

5. The following international organizations are invited to participate in the Ninth Meeting of the Economic Forum: Council of Europe, Energy Charter Secretariat,

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Environment Agency, European Investment Bank, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, World Health Organization, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and other relevant organizations.

6. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) and the Partners for Co-operation (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 may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the Ninth Meeting of the 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 his or her summary conclusions from the discussions at the end of the meeting. The PC will further include the conclusions of the Forum in its discussions of future activities of the economic and environmental dimension in order to identify possible recommendations and take the necessary decisions for appropriate follow-up activities.