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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.