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**DECISION No. 473
MAIN SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR
THE TENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM**

28 to 31 May 2002

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

Recalling its Decision No. 429 of 19 July 2001,

The Permanent Council decides that,

1. Within the framework of the overall theme, “Co-operation for the sustainable use and protection of the quality of water in the context of the OSCE”, and with regard to the preparatory process, the Tenth Meeting of the Economic Forum will concentrate on the following main subjects:

- (a) Issues related to co-operation for the sustainable use and protection of the quality of water;
- (b) Actors involved in co-operation for the sustainable use and protection of the quality of water;
- (c) Instruments for co-operation for the sustainable use and protection of the quality of water.

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

- (a) Review the implementation of commitments in the economic and environmental dimensions and the recommendations of the Ninth Economic Forum, including the seminars held on subjects related to the economic and environmental dimensions since the last Economic Forum;
- (b) Discuss future activities for the economic and environmental dimensions in 2002/2003;

- (c) Discuss in a working session, in fulfilment of the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism (MC(9).DEC/1), as well as of the Programme of Action endorsed at the Bishkek Conference (SEC.GAL/32/02), issues related to suppressing the financing of terrorism.
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 private sector 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 are invited to participate in the Tenth Meeting of the Economic Forum: Black Sea Economic Co-operation; Central European Initiative; Commonwealth of Independent States; Council of Europe; Economic Cooperation Organization; 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; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; South-East European Co-operation Process; Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe; 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 for Drug Control and Crime Prevention; United Nations Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification; World Bank Group; World Health 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 (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 Tenth 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 Chairperson of the Forum will present his or her 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 Forum in its discussions so that the Council can take the decisions required for appropriate follow-up activities.