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**DECISION No. 1484
DATES AND AGENDA OF THE 2024 ECONOMIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

(Vienna, 29 October 2024)

The Permanent Council,

Further to Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 on strengthening the effectiveness of the economic and environmental dimension of the OSCE, in which participating States agreed, *inter alia*, 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,

Decides to convene the 2024 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on 29 October 2024 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda contained in the annex to this decision.

AGENDA OF THE 2024 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Vienna, 29 October 2024
Venue: Hofburg, Neuer Saal

Tuesday, 29 October 2024

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| 9.30–11.30 a.m. | Opening session: Taking stock of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the field of water management |
| 11.30 a.m.–12 noon | Coffee/Tea break |
| 12 noon–1.30 p.m. | Session I: Fostering good governance in the field of water management, as well as climate change adaptation and mitigation, contributing to stability and security within the OSCE area |
| 1.30–3 p.m. | Buffet lunch hosted by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) |
| 3–4.30 p.m. | Session II: Promoting sustainable management and conservation of water resources, including for environmental protection and disaster risk reduction, in the OSCE area |
| 4.30–5 p.m. | Coffee/Tea break |
| 5–5.30 p.m. | Closing session |

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

The delegation of Hungary, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In response to the adoption of this decision on the dates and agenda of the 2024 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting (EEDIM), the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The European Union reiterates its support for the efforts of the Maltese Chairmanship in adopting the decisions necessary for consensus-based events, and we welcome that consensus was reached today regarding the decision on the 2024 EEDIM. The European Union places great value on the economic and environmental dimension as an integral part of the OSCE's comprehensive approach to security.

We regret that certain participating States have systematically blocked Permanent Council decisions on mandated events in other OSCE dimensions, namely for holding the 2024 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the key human rights event in the OSCE area.

A selective approach to OSCE commitments, including OSCE mandated events, is not acceptable and contradicts the OSCE's comprehensive and co-operative approach to security. We would like to remind all participating States of the responsibility to reach consensus and adopt the decisions in a timely manner across all three OSCE dimensions of security.

We request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

The candidate countries Türkiye, North Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹, Albania¹, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina¹ and Georgia, the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Andorra and San Marino align themselves with this statement.”

1 North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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By the delegation of Canada (also on behalf of the United Kingdom):

“Madam Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of this decision on the dates and agenda of the 2024 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, I would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and my own country, Canada.

The Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting allows participating States to review the implementation of Ministerial Council decisions and provides a framework for enhancing dialogue and co-operation on key thematic areas in the second dimension.

Our States have joined consensus on the timely adoption of this decision to ensure the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting is positioned to achieve its objectives.

We extend our thanks to the Chairmanship for their consultative approach, which ultimately helped secure consensus on this decision. It is regrettable that consensus was not reached in respect to the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting due to the destructive approach of only one participating State: the Russian Federation.

We underscore our long-standing position that participating States have a responsibility to reach agreement on implementation meetings across all dimensions. As set out in the Helsinki Final Act and reaffirmed repeatedly, including in the Astana Declaration: ‘The OSCE’s comprehensive and co-operative approach to security, which addresses the human, economic and environmental, political and military dimensions of security as an integral whole, remains indispensable.’

A selective approach to our OSCE commitments is not acceptable. Commitments in all three dimensions must be fulfilled.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”

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By the delegation of Switzerland:

“Madam Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of this decision on the dates and agenda of the 2024 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, I would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting is an important event in the second dimension of the OSCE. Switzerland has joined consensus on the timely adoption of this decision to ensure that this forum for dialogue and co-operation on thematic priorities in the second dimension can take place.

We would like to thank the Chairmanship for their consultative approach, which led to consensus on this decision. It is regrettable that consensus was not reached in respect to the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

The annually mandated meetings are a critical platform for participating States to discuss the current security context, across all three dimensions, and take action where necessary.

A selective approach to our OSCE commitments is not acceptable. Commitments in all three dimensions must be fulfilled including in holding the mandated meetings and conferences.

With this understanding, we remind all participating States of the obligation to ensure the mandated events take place across all three dimensions in 2024. We call upon all participating States to adopt the decisions related to these meetings in a constructive and timely manner.

I request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”