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Challenges ahead”*

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The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

1. Reconfirming the vital significance of the principles of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act as concerns cooperation among the countries of the OSCE region in the fields of economics, science, technology and the environment;
2. Noting the important significance of the economic and environmental dimensions in the context of the OSCE's concept of comprehensive security and multilateral cooperation, the foundation of which was laid out in the Helsinki Final Act;
3. Reconfirming the vital significance of the final document of the OSCE Conference on economic cooperation in Europe (Bonn, 1990), the Charter of Paris (1990), the Charter on European Security (1999), adopted as follow-ups to the Helsinki agreements for the implementation of key commitments concerning cooperation in the fields of economics and the environment;
4. Noting with satisfaction the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (Maastricht, 2003) as an up-to-date programme of action for the Organization to address the second "basket" in a meaningful way;
5. Noting that the strengthening integration processes in Europe widen the possibilities for the movement of capital and people, cooperation in vitally important areas as transport, trade, investment and energy;
6. Noting the significance of the Helsinki agreement and of the efforts of the OSCE in developing mechanisms for regional and sub-regional cooperation, prevention of economic and environmental security threats;
7. Underlining that sub-regional organizations, existing within the framework of the OSCE, assist in overcoming the difficulties which arise in the formation of market relations of States and in forming a single European approach to the development of a regional policy and of interstate cooperation based on the principles of sustainable economic development;
8. Noting with satisfaction that, in the course of fulfilling the goals of integration and regional cooperation in the OSCE region, methods of management and restructuring economics are improving, structures of small and medium-sized enterprises are developing at increasing speeds, and national and foreign investment is progressing;
9. Welcoming the ever developing coordination of actions as well as interstate cooperation of the legislative and judicial branches in matters concerning the development and adherence to laws and rules aimed at the fight against terrorism, money laundering and corruption, criminal prosecution of criminals and the financing of their activities;

10. Recognising that not all countries of the OSCE are fully prepared to adapt to the conditions of globalization, liberalization, the modern demands of modern technological progress and that it is necessary to continue seeking adequate measures for overcoming economic backwardness and for assisting integration into the system of international economic relations.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

11. Urges parliamentarians of the OSCE participating States to strengthen their cooperation in combating new economic and environmental threats and challenges to security in the spirit of the Helsinki Final Act;
12. Notes that the development of European economic and environmental protection cooperation is possible on the basis of the integration of countries into the world and European economic systems, speedy entry into the WTO, and requires necessary transformations in the way of thinking and in the actions of both government bodies as well as the system of international relations;
13. Calls upon the OSCE, together with leading economic organizations and financial institutions to offer assistance to countries of the region in overcoming the difficulties in the formation of market economies, taking advantage of globalisation and in eliminating negative consequences;
14. Underlines the importance for parliamentarians of the OSCE participating States to work out their own models of reform with an orientation toward market conditions, harmonisation of the economic interests of all members of the community in such a way as to not cause damage to the security and stability of the region of responsibility;
15. Confirms the need to improve management practices in the economic and social spheres, as well as in market structures and enterprises, in order to assist small and medium-sized entrepreneurship, the development of human resources, an increase of the role of women and minorities in scientific, legal, economic and commercial spheres, as well as assisting in the training of personnel from national, regional and local government authorities;
16. Recommends that parliaments of the OSCE participating States ratify and implement the conventions of the Council of Europe, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations in the economic and social spheres and related to combating corruption and financial crimes;
17. Calls upon the European Union and the OSCE to maintain contacts and constructive dialogue with States which are not members of the European Union, devoting particular attention to their economic, scientific and technological and environmental protection development, while not damaging their legitimate

interests, and also calls upon the European Union to realise an open door policy with regard to those States which are preparing for EU accession;

18. Underlines the necessity to continue elaborating effective strategies, reinforced by a normative and legal foundation, for the fight against terrorism, organized crime, prostitution, trafficking in human beings, drugs and weapons, and money laundering;
19. Calls upon OSCE participating States to persist in combating terrorism as one of the principle threats to peace and security, attempts to use nuclear and other types of weapons, regional conflicts and extremism;
20. Calls upon participating States to increase cooperation in the spheres of the environment, the fight against pollution of water resources and against the consequences of climate change, the management of natural resources, mandatory warning systems related to environmental threats and the dangers to lives of citizens and the welfare of countries; to assist in the ratification of existing international legal instruments in the field of economic and environmental security, and to assist in their full-fledged implementation following ratification.

