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FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Enhancing Mutual Trust and Co-operation for Peace and Prosperity in the OSCE Region

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1. Supporting the OSCE's concept of common, comprehensive and indivisible security, which encompasses the politico-military, the human, and the economic and environmental dimensions,
2. Recognizing that the economic and environmental dimension provides a solid basis for mutually beneficial co-operation among OSCE participating States,
3. Recalling that in the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, participating States recognized that "efforts to develop co-operation in the fields of trade, industry, science and technology, the environment and other areas of economic activity contribute to the reinforcement of peace and security in Europe and in the world as a whole",
4. Noting the OSCE Ministerial Council decision No 4/16 on "Strengthening good governance and promoting connectivity" adopted at the 23rd OSCE Ministerial Council in Hamburg, Germany, which in particular welcomed "the fact that almost all participating States have ratified or acceded to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and are working towards fulfilling the commitments deriving from the Convention",
5. Welcoming the results of the 2015 United Nations Paris Climate Change Conference (COP21) which concluded with the adoption of the Paris Agreement, marking a significant step in the global climate effort, establishing a new framework combining "nationally determined contributions" (NDCs) with new multilateral mechanisms aimed at ensuring transparency and accountability and promoting greater ambition over time,
6. Noting that the COP22 Marrakesh Conference in November 2016 was an important transitional moment, pivoting from the years of negotiation that produced the Paris Agreement to a new phase focused on implementation,
7. Expressing concern about the United States Presidential Administration's executive order in March to ease restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, which represents a significant step backward in efforts to combat global warming,
8. Recognizing that good governance, transparency and accountability are key elements for economic growth, trade, investment and sustainable development, thereby contributing to stability, security and respect for human rights in the OSCE area,
9. Welcoming the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship's objectives of "greening the economy" which aims to support the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals by all participating States,

10. Welcoming preparation by the the Office of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting of the 25th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, which will be held 14-16 June in Astana, Kazakhstan, under the theme “Green Economy as catalyst for sustainable development, security and stability,”
11. Recognizing that corruption and money laundering are potential sources of political tension that undermine the stability and security of participating States, contributing to global threats such as terrorism and transnational organized crime,
12. Welcoming the opportunity provided by Expo 2017, being held in Astana, Kazakhstan, under the theme “Energy of the Future”, which highlights the vital subjects of alternative energy sources,
13. Recognizing that water is essential for life and that a suitable supply of high-quality water is a prerequisite for economic and social progress,
14. Welcoming the efforts of the Office of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) in support of participating States’ endeavours to promote good water governance and strengthen transboundary water co-operation in the South Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern Europe,
15. Recalling the Athens Ministerial Council Decision no. 05/09 on migration management, which underscored “the importance of mainstreaming migration policies into economic, social, environmental, development and security strategies and addressing migration management through co-operative, comprehensive and cross-dimensional approaches”,
16. Concerned by the size and direction of migration flows within, from and into the OSCE area which have been magnified, diversified, and accelerated,
17. Recognizing the OSCE commitments in addressing legal and orderly migration, protection of migrants’ personal and social welfare, attention to recruitment practices as well as the equality of rights between migrant workers and nationals regarding conditions of employment and social security,
18. Reaffirming the Astana Declaration of 2008 and the Oslo Declaration of 2010 and their resolutions on cyber crime and cyber security, which recognize that cyber attacks against vital state and commercial infrastructure are equivalent in nature to those of a conventional act of aggression,
19. Expressing concern about the amendments to the education legislation in Hungary affecting Central European University, which risks undermining academic freedom, inhibiting research and development, and impeding scientific advancement,

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20. Calls on OSCE participating States to redouble their efforts in thorough consideration of issues relating to the economic and environmental dimension in line with commitments set forth in the Helsinki Final Act and the 2010 Astana Commemorative Declaration;
21. Underlines that economic growth and environmental sustainability are not mutually exclusive and that domestic economic policies should prioritize clean energy projects, investment and innovation to promote sustained growth and ensure that negative effects on the environment are minimized;
22. Stresses the high potential of “green economic growth” as a major driving force for sustainable development, utilization of renewable energy sources and advantages for ecological health, low operating costs and safety to the environment and for supporting the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals by all participating States,
23. Urges all OSCE participating States to recognize the urgency of the climate crisis and its related challenges, including migration, and to implement policies on the international, national and subnational levels to move rapidly into a low-carbon economy, as well as take steps to mitigate the effects of climate change already taking place;
24. Calls on all participating States to ratify the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change, to fulfill their obligations under the agreement, and to strengthen their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions with the goal of bringing greenhouse gas emissions to a safer level and ensure that global temperatures do not exceed the target of 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, as called for in Paris;
25. Recommends that OSCE participating States consider options for implementing a carbon tax or fee on heavily polluting industries;
26. Reaffirms the need for fighting corruption, tax evasion, financial crime, money laundering and the financing of terrorism;
27. Calls on OSCE participating States and the Partners for Co-operation to enhance the level of co-operation among law enforcement agencies and other relevant institutions in combating corruption, money laundering, the financing of terrorism and other financial crime;
28. Recommends that leaders of the OSCE area adopt a coherent, co-ordinated response to migration based on the principles of international co-operation that are at the heart of the OSCE’s comprehensive approach to security, to prioritize search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea, implement effective screening and integration, and combat the criminal networks exploiting the refugee and migrant crisis;

29. Emphasizes the need for industrialized nations to assist lesser-developed countries in tackling climate change and to promote global economic development, ensure food and water security, fight poverty and hunger, and address wealth disparity in order to cultivate long-term solutions to the challenge of migration;
30. Stresses that government responses to arrivals of refugees and migrants must respect each individual's right to live in dignity and security, taking into account the special needs of women and girls, and promoting education and economic empowerment for women;
31. Encourages the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities to assist participating States in developing effective labour migration policies aimed at promoting a comprehensive and positive approach to migration management;
32. Calls on all participating States to ensure selection and recruitment of foreign workforce in countries of origin and its placement in countries of destination;
33. Calls on the participating States to refrain from behaviours which can negatively affect scientific freedom, and encourages the participating States to remain committed to protecting and guaranteeing academic independence in line with the core values and principles of the Organization.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

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