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To: All OSCE Delegations
Partners for Co-operation
Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

Subject: Draft Agenda - Second Preparatory Seminar for the Thirteenth Economic Forum

Attached herewith is the Draft Agenda of the Second Preparatory Seminar for the Thirteenth OSCE Economic Forum - Migration from an economic, environmental and security perspective, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 24-25 January 2005.



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Thirteenth OSCE Economic Forum

**“Demographic Trends, Migration and Integrating Persons belonging to National Minorities:
Ensuring Security and Sustainable Development in the OSCE area”**

Second Preparatory Seminar for the 13th OSCE Economic Forum

Migration from an economic, environmental and security perspective

Almaty, Kazakhstan, 24-25 January 2005

Monday, 24 January 2005

09.00 – 10.00

Opening plenary session

Welcoming remarks by representatives of the host country, the OSCE Chairmanship, the OCEEA and the OSCE Center in Almaty

10.00-11.00

Plenary Session: Migration trends in the OSCE region and the OSCE neighbourhood

- Migration flows and labour migration prospects in the context of economic and demographic developments
- Patterns of labour migration in the OSCE region and neighborhood (*permanent and temporary migration etc.*)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Plenary Session: Migration and Security - Panel Discussion on potential and real security threats from migration in the OSCE area – how to address them and enhance co-operation.

- Impact on security from trans-national and cross-border migration and non-integration (*irregular flows, terrorism, smuggling etc.*)
- Impact on security/stability from national (internal) labour migration - migration from rural to urban areas (*economic and environmental effects*)
- Role of civil society in addressing migration

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

Working Groups A and B meet in parallel

14.30 – 16.00 **Working Group A: Economic Migration – Impact on labour market structures, changes and policy responses**

- Economic aspects of labour migration in countries and areas of destination (*impact on economic growth, productivity, wages, employment, and tax collection; demographic needs; need for temporary vs. permanent labour; need for skilled vs. unskilled labour etc.*)
- Economic aspects of labour migration in countries of origin (*brain drain/regain and skills transfer; remittances and investments; reintegration etc.*)

14.30 – 16.30 **Working Group B: Migration and Environmental Challenges to Security**

- Climate change, environmental degradation and migration
- Convention synergies – opportunities for change
- Practical examples from the region

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break (WG A)

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break (WG B)

16.30 – 18.00 **Working Groups A: Economic Migration – Impact on labour market structures, changes and policy responses – continued**

- What are the most pressing challenges posed by irregular migration?
- Gender and Migration (*Feminization of Poverty and Migration; Trafficking in Human Beings and impact on underserved population groups; impact on the Youth*)

17.00 – 18.00 **Working Group B: Diverse Causes of Migration – Possible economic and security challenges**

- Different causes of migration, including forced migration
- Migration and management of demographic imbalance

Tuesday, 25 January 2005

09.00 – 11.00 **Plenary Session: Management of Economic Migration - Good Practices and Case Studies**

- Migration regimes and Admission policies – policy developments, case studies, sharing of experiences and successful policies
- National experiences and institutional development in source and destination countries
- Integration of migrants – experiences and effective practices to date
- Bilateral, regional and global governance of migration, case studies
- How to manage migration to maximize the positive effects?

11.00– 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30 **Plenary Session: Management of Economic Migration – Policy Issues and Recommendations – Panel Discussion**

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 16.30 **Management of Economic Migration – Working Sessions**

- Division into three Working Sessions to discuss what OSCE can do to enhance the institutional capacity to address migration issues and the co-operation between countries of origin and destination, including facilitation of bilateral/regional agreements on labour movement:

Working Session I: Migration within Central Asia and to Russia

Working Session II: Immigration to the European Union from the OSCE area

Working Session III: Migration within and from South Eastern Europe

- Reconvening in Plenary Format after 90 minutes : Reports on the Working Sessions
- General discussion

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00

Closing Session

- Presentations of the preliminary conclusions and suggestions for action and follow up by the OSCE and its participating States
- Closing remarks