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

Third Preparatory Seminar for the Thirteenth OSCE Economic Forum

**Integrating Persons belonging to National Minorities:
Economic and other Perspectives**

Kyiv, Ukraine, 10-11 March 2005

Venue: President-hotel “Kyivsky”

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Thursday, 10 March 2005

09.00 – 10.00 **Opening plenary session** (open to Press)

Welcoming remarks by:

- **H.E. Oleg Shamshur**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
- **Mr. Stanislav Rašèan**, Director General, Directorate for policy planning and multilateral relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia / OSCE Chairmanship
- **Ambassador David R. Nicholas**, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine
- **Mr. Marcin Swiecicki**, Co-coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE Secretariat

10.00-11.00 **Plenary Session: National minorities in the OSCE region: promoting integration and preventing discrimination**

- National minorities in the OSCE region;
- Integration and conflict prevention - the options: integration versus assimilation or separation; different types and levels of integration;
- How to integrate minorities: the respective roles of education, economic, political and social participation;
- Integration through the promotion of equal treatment and non-discrimination;

Moderator: Mr. Janez Malačič, Professor, Head of the Statistical Department, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Rapporteur: Mr. Christophe Ceska, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE

Speakers:

Mr. John de Fonblanque, Director, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, Head of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and Interethnic Relations

Mr. Valery Tishkov, Director, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13.00 **Panel Discussion I : Economic and Social aspects related to the integration of persons belonging to national minorities**

- Economic participation/opportunity as a precondition for full participation of minorities in society; the economic costs of non-integration of minorities (conflict potential, non-productivity, cost of unemployment and social problems);
- Opportunities for minorities on the labour market; how to overcome obstacles to economic empowerment (employment and self-employment); encouraging entrepreneurship by minorities; equal treatment or affirmative action to reduce inequalities; role of business sector;
- Prevention of discrimination with regards to social services and health care (access, dependency, etc) and social interaction with majority communities (including housing);

Moderator: Mr. Rasto Ovin Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Rapporteur: Ms. Heidi Smith, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Minsk

Panellists:

Mr. Krzysztof Drzewicki, Senior Legal Adviser, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Ms. Tove Malloy, Senior Research Associate, European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg, Germany

Mr. Latif Kengerlinskiy, Director, CRRC Azerbaijan

Mr. Shmuel Steven Adler, Director, Planning and Research Division, Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, Israel

Mr. David Smallbone, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Small Business, Associate Director, Small Business Research Centre, Kingston University, United Kingdom

Ms. Milka Radovanovic, Manager, Project Development Center, Brčko District Development Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch break*

14.30 – 16.00 **Panel Discussion II : Education Policies for Integration**

- The role of education in promoting tolerance and addressing prejudice in a multi-cultural society; civic education and integration of minorities; the importance of the history syllabus; integrated or separate schools for minorities;
- Language teaching and integration; effective communication in the State language as the key to economic and political participation; mother tongue education - the key to maintenance of cultural identity; multi-lingual education as a way of acquiring strong communication skills;

Moderator: Ms. Katherine Brucker, United States Mission to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Oleg Ziborov, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the OSCE

Panellists:

Ms. Gaisha Ibragimova, Deputy Minister for Education of Kyrgyzstan, Chair of Working Group on Integration through Education

Mr. Guntars Catlaks, Director of Research, Education International, Brussels, Belgium

Ms. Christina Johnsson, Senior Lecturer, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden

Ms. Beatrice Schulter, OSCE-HCNM Programme Coordinator in Georgia

Mr. Igor Savin, Director, Dialogue NGO, Kazakhstan

Mr. Arustan Joldasov, Director, Center for Social and Marketing Research in Central Asia "Expert fikri", Uzbekistan

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.00 **Panel Discussion III : The importance of good governance for the management of integration**

- Political participation and minority access to political representative and legislative bodies at national and regional level;
- Minority participation in executive bodies (police, administration, judiciary);
- Minority participation in economic representative bodies (tri-partite bodies, unions, etc);
- National experiences and institutional developments: practical examples and lessons learned;
- Effective practices to date from the OSCE region;

Moderator: Mr. Mitja Žagar, Director and Associate Professor, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Rapporteur: Mr. Jörn Beisert, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OSCE

Panellists:

Mr. John de Fonblanque, Director, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Mr. Michal Vašečka, Program Director, 'Ethnic Minorities' Program, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for Public Affairs, Slovakia

Mr. Mitja Žagar, Director and Associate Professor, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Mr. Viktor Nikitiuk, Head of Euro-Atlantic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine

Ms. Merja Lahtinen, Programme Advisor, Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe

Ms. Nancy Iris, Deputy Director, Office of Assistance for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State, USA

19:00 Reception by the host country to be held in the “Rus” hotel, 4, Hospytalna Street (within walking distance from the President hotel “Kyivsky”)

Friday, 11 March 2005

09.00 – 10.30 **Parallel Working Groups**

- Key issues from the plenary sessions (economic and social aspects related to integration, preventing discrimination, education for integration, public participation, the role of good governance, etc);

Working Group A: The role of Governments

Moderator: Ambassador Brendan Moran, Permanent Representative of Ireland to OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Larissa Neufeld, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Center in Almaty

Working Group B: The role of civil society

Moderator: Mr. Olexiy Haran, Regional Vice President, The Eurasia Foundation

Rapporteur: Ms. Kimberly Bulkley, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Center in Tashkent

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.30 **Parallel Working Groups**

- Key issues from the plenary sessions (economic and social aspects related to integration, preventing discrimination, education for integration, public participation, the role of good governance, etc);

Working Group C: The role of International Organizations

Moderator: Mr. John de Fonblanque, Director, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Rapporteur: Mr. William Hanlon, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Mission to Georgia

Working Group D: The role of business community

Moderator: Ms. Helen Santiago Fink, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OCEEA

Rapporteur: Mr. Yaroslav Yurtsaba, SME Development Adviser, Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine,

12.45 – 13.30 **Closing Session** (open to Press)

- Presentations of the conclusions and suggestions for action and follow up by the OSCE and its Participating States

Ms. Blazka Kepic, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the OSCE / OSCE Chairmanship

- Closing remarks

Mr. Stanislav Rašèan, Director General, Directorate for policy planning and multilateral relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia / OSCE Chairmanship

Mr. Marcin Swiecicki, Co-coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE Secretariat

13.30

Lunch