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

Subject: Draft Annotated Agenda for the Thirteenth OSCE Economic Forum:
“Demographic Trends, Migration and Integrating Persons belonging to
National Minorities: Ensuring Security and Sustainable Development in the
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The Thirteenth Meeting of the OSCE Economic Forum

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

Prague, 23 - 27 May 2005

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, 118 00 Prague 1.

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 23 May 2005

15.00 – 18.00 **Opening plenary** (open to the press)

Welcoming remarks by the Chairperson of the Economic Forum, **Ambassador Boris Frllec**, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia / OSCE Chairmanship

Welcoming remarks by the representative of the Government of the Czech Republic, **H.E. Cyril Svoboda**, Minister for Foreign Affairs (*tbc*)

Opening address by the Chairman-in-Office, **H.E. Dimitrij Rupel**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Welcoming remarks by **Mr. Marcin Świąćicki**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Addresses by representatives of OSCE institutions:

- **Mr. Christian Strohal**, Director, ODIHR
- **Mr. Rolf Ekéus**, High Commissioner on National Minorities

Keynote addresses by:

- **Mr. Vladimír Špidla**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, “*Demographic Crisis – required reforms and new policies*”
- **Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- **Mr. Brunson McKinley**, Director General of the International Organization for Migration
- **Ms. Rita Süßmuth**, former President of the German Bundestag, former Vice-President of OSCE PA, “*Migration – Between Acceptance and Rejection*”
- **Mr. Grigory Rapota**, Secretary General of the Eurasian Economic Community
- **Mr. Norman Myers**, Environmental Consultant, Fellow, Oxford University
- **Mr Alexander Vladychenko**, Director General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

Discussion

18.30 **Reception hosted by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office**

Tuesday, 24 May 2005

09.00 – 11.30 **Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension focusing on “Integration, Trade and Transport”**

Moderator: Ambassador Boris Frlec, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia / OSCE Chairmanship

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

- Presentation of the UNECE report on the implementation of OSCE commitments in the area of “Integration, Trade and Transport” by **Mr. Abdur Chowdhury**, Director, Economic Analysis Division, UNECE
- Presentation of ”Transition indicators on trade and infrastructure” by **Ms. Vanessa Mitchell-Thomson**, Principal Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Comments by **Ms. Gina Volynsky** , UNDP Regional Center
- Keynote statement by **Mr. Michael Harms**, German Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations
- Presentation of the Summary of Questionnaire contributions by **Mr. Marcin Świącicki**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

11.30 – 12.00 *Coffee break*

12.00 – 12.30 **OCEEA Activity Report**

- Presentation of the OCEEA Activity Report by **Mr. Marcin Świącicki**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00 – 15.45 **Review of the implementation of commitments: *Integration and Trade***

Moderator: Ambassador Brendan Moran, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Denis Sidorenko, Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE

- **Mr. Mario Apostolov**, Regional Adviser, Trade Development and Timber Division, UNECE
- **Mr. Daniel Linotte**, Senior Trade Advisor, Policy and Legal Adviser, EU Project/EAR, Commitments within the WTO and the accession processes
- **Mr. Michael Stopford**, Head of Global Public Affairs and Government Relations, Syngenta International AG

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 – 17.30 **Review of the implementation of commitments: *Transport***

Moderator: Ambassador Bertrand de Combrugghe, Permanent Mission of Belgium to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Brigitte Waignein, Permanent Mission of Belgium to the OSCE

- **Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis**, Regional Adviser, Transport Division, UNECE
 - **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Director of Working Table II – Economic reconstruction, Development and Cooperation, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe
 - Representatives of TRACECA / European Commission (tbc)
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14.00 – 15.45 **Side event with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation:
*Migration and economic development of the sending countries***

Moderator: Minister Pierre Chevalier, Special Envoy of the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs for the OSCE Chairmanship 2006

Rapporteur: Mr. Fabrizio Scarpa, External Co-operation Officer, OSCE Secretariat

- **Ambassador Omar Zniber**, Morocco, and **Professor dr. Mehdi Lahlou**, Institut National des Statistiques, Morocco (tbc)
- **Mr. Jean-Pierre Garson**, Head of Non-Member Economies and International Migration Division, OECD

Discussion

16.15 – 17.30 **Side event on implementing the Roma and Sinti Action Plan
(economic and social aspects): *Promoting local economic
development***

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Dan Doghi, Officer on Roma and Sinti issues, OSCE / ODIHR

- **Mr. Michael Guet**, Head of the Roma and Travellers Division; Migration and Roma Department; DG III - Social Cohesion, Council of Europe, and **Mr. Nenad Vladisavljev**, Roma consultant, Serbia and Montenegro
- **Mr. Michal Vašečka**, Program director and analyst, Institute for Public Affairs, Slovakia
- **Mr. Nicolae Gheorghe**, Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, OSCE / ODIHR

Discussion

Wednesday, 25 May 2005

09.00 – 10.30. **Session I - Population developments**

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Jeannette Kloetzer, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Yerevan

- **Confronting the demographic challenges of the OSCE area**
 - **Support for the improvement and harmonization of data collection on migration and national minorities**
Mr. Claus Folden, Coordinator, Technical Cooperation Centre, International Organization for Migration
 - **Strengthening of research on demographic developments, economic migration and economic/social integration for information sharing and policy making**
Mr. Wolfgang Lutz, Director, Vienna Institute for Demography, Leader, World Population Program, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.30 **Session II – Improving economic prospects in countries of emigration**

Moderator: Ambassador Miroslav Jenca, Head of the OSCE Center in Tashkent

Rapporteur: Mr. Armand Pupols, Mission Programme Officer, Conflict Prevention Center, OSCE Secretariat

- **Facilitating the development of institutional setting, investment, business climates and employment opportunities**
Mr. Fernand Pillonel, Head of Office, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Tajikistan
- **How shall OSCE address strategic economic issues and facilitate faster small and medium enterprise sector development furthering youth employment in countries of emigration?**
Mr. John Fitzgerald, FINCA Samara, Russia Country Director
- **Building of human and institutional capacities to meet market and economic development demands**
Mr. Roman Mogilevsky, Executive Director, Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE), Kyrgyzstan

Discussion

12.30 – 14.30 *Lunch break*

14.30 – 16.00 **Session III – Environment and Migration**

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

Rapporteur: tbc

- **Addressing root causes and the effects of environmental migration: natural disasters, desertification, man-made disasters and climate change and environmental refugees - recognition and action**
Mr. Norman Myers, Fellow, Oxford University, UK
- **Case study Tajikistan: Human provoked- and natural disasters – one of the reasons causing migration**
Mr. R. Latipov, Deputy Chairman of the State Committee on Environment and Forestry, Tajikistan
- **Environmental impacts of displaced persons**
Mr. David Stone, Director- Livelihood and Environmental Security (LIVES) Advisory Group

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.00 **Session IV - Providing services for migrants**

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

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

- **Facilitating actions to establish information points for migrants in countries of destination**
Ms. Susan Martin, Migration Expert, Georgetown University Washington
- **Assisting countries of origin to provide relevant information and training to potential migrants, and to create migrant information centres**
Mr. Maurizio Busatti, Chief of Mission, International Organisation for Migration, Tirana

Discussion

14.30 – 16.00 *Side event – Anti-trafficking Programme*

Presentation of the status of the OCEEA Anti-Trafficking Programme on Public-Private Co-operation in the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings (ATP) and other OSCE anti-trafficking activities

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

Please find the Agenda in Annex 1

Thursday, 26 May 2005

09.00 – 10.30 **Session V – Awareness raising and economic integration in countries of destination**

Moderator: Ms. Susan Martin, Migration Expert, Georgetown University Washington
Rapporteur: Mr. Craig Weichel, Delegation of Canada to the OSCE

- **Supporting awareness raising actions regarding integration of migrants and non discrimination on the labour market, in national labour codes and regarding migrants’ legal and social rights and obligations**
Mr. Steve Arnott, Expert, Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Directorate National Employment and Social Inclusion, Monitoring and European Social Fund Operations, European Commission
- **Promoting ratification and implementation of international migration conventions and agreements on non discrimination**
Mr. Martin Oelz, International labour Standards Department, International Labour Office
- **Transit migration – a challenge for migration management**
Ms Ann-Charlotte Nygard, Acting Director, Policy Development, International Centre for Migration Policy Development

Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.30 **Session VI – The informal sector**

Moderator: Ms. Michele Klein Solomon , Deputy Director, Migration Policy, Research and Communications Department, International Organization for Migration
Rapporteur: tbc

- **The significance of the informal sector in attracting illegal migration including trafficking in human beings - exchange of information, experience and best practice**
Ms. Irina Ivakhniuk, Senior Researcher, Deputy Director of the Department of Population, Faculty of Economics, Moscow State University “Lomonosov”, Russian Federation
- **The need for improving legal labour migration channels**
Ms. Alenka Mesojedec-Pervinsek, Senior Policy Adviser, International Centre for Migration Policy Development
- **Facilitating bilateral and regional agreements to manage labour migration**
Ms. Michele Klein Solomon, Deputy Director, Migration Policy, Research and Communications Department, International Organization for Migration

Discussion

12.30 – 14.30 *Lunch break*

14.30 – 16.00 **Session VII - – Policies of integration of persons belonging to national minorities**

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

- **Inclusion and social cohesion**
Mr. Nick Johnson, Director of Policy and Public Sector, Commission for Racial Equality, United Kingdom
- **Non-discrimination and positive measures**
Ms. Tove Malloy, Senior Research Associate, European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg, Germany
- **Policies and ways of integration**
Mr. Mitja Žagar, Director, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.00 **Session VIII – Economic and social integration of persons belonging to national minorities**

Moderator: tbc

Rapporteur: tbc

- **Ethnic diversity management and economic and social integration of persons belonging to national minorities based on the concept of integration respecting diversity**
Mr. John de Fonblanque, Director, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- **Need for information and awareness raising to decrease negative stereotyping**
- **Need for economic empowerment and integration**
Mr. Karomatullo Olimov, State Counsellor of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on social development and public relations

Discussion

14.30 – 16.00 **Site Event - Presentation of the Labour Migration Project implemented by the OSCE Office in Yerevan in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Issues of the Republic of Armenia**

Presenters:

- **Mr. Ashot Yesayan**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
- **Mrs. Blanca Hancilova**, Democratization Officer, OSCE Office in Yerevan.

18.30. *Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities*

Friday, 27 May 2005

09.00 – 11.00 **OSCE as a platform for dialogue and co-operation**

Moderator: Ambassador Boris Frlec, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia / OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: tbc

- **Wrap-up – presentation of conclusions and policy recommendations**
- **The role of the OSCE in addressing issues related to demographic developments, migration and the integration of minorities**
- **Identification of areas for closer cooperation with other organizations and institutions on migration and integration issues**
- **Comments by experts**
- **Open discussion on presented recommendations and ways forward including development of OSCE Strategy/Action Plans on migration and integration issues**

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 12.30 **Closing Plenary** (open to the press)

Closing remarks by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, **Mr. Marcin Świącicki**

Concluding remarks by the Chairperson of the Economic Forum, **Ambassador Boris Frlec**, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia / OSCE Chairmanship

12.30 *Lunch*



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The Secretariat

Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

May 25, Wednesday 14:30-16:00 (on margins of 13th OSCE Economic Forum – **Mirror Hall**)

Location: Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, 118 00 Prague 1.

Side Meeting – Anti-Trafficking Programme

OCEEA Anti-Trafficking Programme on Public-Private Co-operation in the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings (ATP)

Draft Agenda (as of May 12, 2005)

I. Overview of the ATP/Status of Implementation - Successes and Challenges

*Ms. Helen Santiago Fink
Senior Economic Affairs Officer/ ATP Programme Manager
OSCE/OCEEA - Secretariat*

II. Presentation by ATP Project Implementers (accomplishments and added-value)

- ATP Sub-Programme I: Promoting Self-regulation of the Private Sector
Implementation of the Code of Conduct for Prevention of Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children in Tourism
- Ms. Maria Petrova, Project Coordinator, Animus Association, (8 mins)
- Ms. Elitsa Videnova, Bulgarian Business Leader Forum (7mins.)

- ATP Sub-Programme III: Creating Economic Empowerment Opportunities
- IBLF's Youth Career Initiative (10 mins)
*Mr. Kurt Strohmayer, General Manager
JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel*

- Women Entrepreneurial Training and Business Competition (7 mins)
*Mr. Robin Seeword, Deputy Head of Office
OSCE Office in Baku*

**III. OSCE Cooperation in Anti-Trafficking Activities: ATP Phase II
New Projects Opportunities and Funding Needs**

- *Code on Conduct/Economic Empowerment in Moldova (10mins)*
Ms. Antonia De Meo, Anti-Trafficking Officer, OSCE Mission to Moldova
Ms. Maria Antonia Di Maio, Italian Consortium of Solidarity (ICS)
- *CARE International - Economic Empowerment - tbc*

IV. OSCE Anti-Trafficking Priorities (10 mins)

- Ms. Anelise Gomes de Araujo, Adviser, OSCE Anti-Trafficking Assistance Unit (ATAU),
- Ms. Alina Brasoveanu, Anti-Trafficking Officer, ODIHR