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Side Event to the 2011 OSCE-Mongolia Conference

“Afghanistan capacity building: strengthening the diplomatic service”

Ulaanbaatar, 23 May 2011

The objective of this side event, proposed by Mongolia, with the support of the 2011 OSCE Lithuanian Chairmanship and of the Kazakh Chairmanship of the Asian Contact Group in the concept paper circulated under CIO/GAL/77/11/Rev.1, is to exchange views and discuss the optimal ways of training mid-level diplomats from Afghanistan. Training will enable them to better address the increasingly complex issues faced in a rapidly globalizing world. It will improve their ability to pursue national interests in conjunction with regional and international interests through bilateral and multilateral diplomacy with a comprehensive approach to security. It is important to identify the specific needs to be addressed in the training of the Afghan diplomats as well as the contributions that Mongolia, the OSCE and its participating States can provide. The presentations and discussions from the side event, particularly those from Afghan representatives, will provide food-for-thought and inputs for the organization of the planned training course, tentatively planned for the 3rd quarter of this year.

Currently, Mongolia has put forth a wide range of topics that can be covered during the extended diplomatic training course. Depending on the needs identified during the side event, the proposed subjects can cover such areas as: transnational security; energy security; economic challenges and policies of land-locked developing countries; environmental security; civilian-military relations; political-military environment in the Asia-Pacific region; terrorism and extremism; and international relations and strategic studies.

The identification of contributions from OSCE participating States, Partners for Co-operation and OSCE executive structures will be the object of deliberations during the side event. Participation from expert speakers, academics and diplomats could add significant value to the outcome of the course. The report and recommendations from the side event will provide the guidelines for the planning and organization of the training course.

The side event will have a moderator and a rapporteur. On the basis of the assessment presented by a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan and of the ideas put forward by Mongolia and other presenters, speakers and participants will be invited to present proposals and contributions on the format and content of the envisaged training. In conclusion of the event, the moderator will provide a summary of the main outcomes of the discussions that will be presented in the report to be drafted by the rapporteur and circulated to OSCE delegations.

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Draft Agenda

Moderator - H.E. Ambassador Dr. Jargalsaikhan Enkhsaikhan, Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the OSCE

Rapporteur – Julie Raschka, Political Specialist, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the OSCE

17:45 Opening speech by State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Mongolia, Mr Tsogtbaatar Damdin

17:55 Presentation by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, H.E. Mr. Evaldas Ignatavicius

18:05 Presentation by the Director of the Recruitment Department in the Human Resources Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, Mr. Ahmad Wahid Amin

18:15 Presentation by Mr. Payam Foroughi, Research and Teaching Fellow, OSCE Academy in Bishkek

18:25 Discussions

18:50 Conclusions by the moderator and end of the side event