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

Subject: Tentative Agenda for the Fifteenth OSCE Economic and Environmental
Forum – Part 2, Prague, 21 - 23 May 2007

Attached herewith is the tentative Agenda for the Fifteenth OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum - Part 2: “Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area: Land degradation, soil contamination and water management”, Prague, 21 - 23 May 2007.



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The 15th Meeting of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

“Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area: Land degradation, soil contamination and water management”

Part 2 / Prague, 21 – 23 May 2007

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

TENTATIVE AGENDA

(Speakers/Moderators still to be invited and/or confirmed)

Monday, 21 May 2007

14.30 – 15.00 **Opening Session** (open to the press)

- Welcoming remarks by representative of the Czech Republic, host country
- Opening address by the Chairman-in-Office, **H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain
- Introductory remarks by Ambassador **Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, OSCE Secretary General and **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

15.00 – 18.00 **Introductory Plenary Session** (open to the press until 16.00)

15.00 – 16.00 Keynote addresses

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 Discussion

18.00 – 19.30	<i>Special Event - Launching of ENVSEC Assessment Report for Eastern Europe</i>
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<i>Presence of Ministers or Deputy Ministers of Eastern European countries</i>	
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19.30 **Reception hosted by the Spanish Chairmanship**

Tuesday, 22 May 2007

09.00 – 11.00 **Review Session: Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments**

- Presentation of the UNECE Report on the implementation of OSCE commitments in the environmental sector
- Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30 **Plenary Session I: Environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area**

Selected topics: Discussion on various concepts of environmental security, including climate security; environmental management in the OSCE area; possible discussion of components of the potential OSCE Environmental Security Strategy;

12.30 – 13.30 ***Special Event – Review of environmental issues in the Caspian Basin and possible follow-up (based, among others, on the ENVSEC Assessment Report for Eastern Caspian area)***

Presence of Ministers or Deputy Ministers of Caspian countries

12.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30 **Plenary Session II: Water – transboundary co-operation**

Selected topics: lessons from existing co-operation mechanisms; possible new initiatives for enhanced co-operation in Central Asia;

15.30 – 16.30 **Plenary Session III: Good governance in managing natural resources**

Selected topics: possible drafting of handbook on good practices in water/forest/land management; design of capacity building technical assistance projects;

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.00 **Plenary Session IV: Enhancing co-operation with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation**

18.00 – 19.00	<i><u>Special Event</u> – Review of environmental issues in the Central Asia and co-operation among the countries and among bilateral and multilateral agencies</i>
<i>Presence of Ministers or Deputy Ministers of Central Asian countries</i>	

19.30 **Reception hosted by the CoEEA**

Wednesday, 23 May 2007

09.00 – 10.30 **Plenary Session V: Land degradation and soil contamination**

Selected topics: Short overviews of results of existing land and soil related projects (e.g. melange, CACILM etc); discuss prospects for a regional workshop and centre for monitoring drought/desertification in Central Asia (also involving Afghanistan, Mongolia) and other follow-up activities;

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 **Panel debate – The role of the OSCE in follow-up to the 15th Economic and Environmental Forum**

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30 **Closing Session** (open to the press)

- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Representative of the Spanish Chairmanship

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