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**OSCE – UNECE Seminar on the implementation of the
International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods
14 - 15 December 2006**

**Conference Venue:
Sava Center, Milentija Popovića 9, Belgrade, Serbia**

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1

Thursday, 14 December 2006

08h30 **Registration**

09h00 **Opening of the Seminar, welcome addresses**

- **Opening Statements**

- ▶ **Ms. Vesna Arsić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Serbia
- ▶ **Ambassador Dejan Šahović**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Serbia
- ▶ **Mr. Anthony Pahigian**, Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia
- ▶ **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- ▶ **Mr. Poul Hansen**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division

09h30 **Trade and transport facilitation**

- ▶ **Mr. Robert Nowak**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division

10h00 **Integrated Border Management and the Harmonization Convention**

- ▶ **Mr. Poul Hansen**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division
- ▶ **Mr. Gareth Lewis**, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation, World Customs Organization (WCO)
- ▶ **Mr. Henry Bolton**, Senior Border Issues Adviser, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) Border Unit

11h00 **Coffee break**

- 11h30 **Country reports on implementation of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management**
- **Country reports**
 - ▶ Countries in the region. 5-10 minutes presentations by the representatives of Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia; The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Republic of Moldova; Montenegro; Serbia, Slovenia as well as observer countries
- 12h30 **Facilitated bilateral break-out sessions to address specific issues between neighbouring countries**
- 13h00 **Lunch**
- 14h30 **Presentation of results of break-out sessions**
- 15h00 **Experience of the transport industry concerning integrated border management**
- ▶ **Mr. Peter Krausz**, Head of Goods Transport and Facilitation Department, International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- 15h30 **National cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general**
- **General introduction, best practices vis-à-vis reality, state-of-the-art procedures**
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- 16h00 **Coffee break**
- 16h15 **Experience of authorities in cooperation measures at national level in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general**
- **Issues and challenges**
 - ▶ **Ms. Vesna Nikolić**, National Coordinator on implementation of IBM strategy, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Serbia
 - ▶ **Open Floor**
- 17h15 **Cross-border cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general**
- **General introduction, best practices vis-à-vis reality, state-of-the-art procedures incl. joint border stations**
 - ▶ **Mr. Jerzy Adam Szczawinski**, Deputy Director, Customs Chamber in Bialystok, Poland
- 17h45 **Experience of authorities in cross-border cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general**
- **Issues and challenges**
 - ▶ **Mr. Stanislav Mikuž**, Director, Customs Directorate Nova Gorica, Slovenia
 - ▶ **Mr. Slobodan Nikolić**, Customs Unit Coordinator of the IBM, Republic of Serbia
 - ▶ **Mr. Predrag Aleksić**, Head of Customs System and Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Serbia
- 18h15 **Discussion**
- 18h30 **End of Day 1**
- 20h00 *Reception, Ellington's Bar, Hyatt Regency Hotel*

DAY 2

Friday, 15 December 2006

08h15 **Field visit to border crossings**

12h15 **Lunch**

15h30 **Future aspects of Integrated Border Management (IBM)**

- **Concrete issues and scope for improvement in short and long term**
- **Follow-up**
 - ▶ **Mr. Poul Hansen**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division
- **Discussion**

16h00 **Concluding session**

- ▶ **Mr. Poul Hansen**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division
- ▶ **Mr. Dušan Vasiljević**, Head of the Economic and Environmental Department, OSCE Mission to Serbia
- ▶ **Ambassador Frank Geerkens**, Head of the OSCE Chairmanship Unit, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

16h30 **End of seminar**

FIELD VISIT ON FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2006

Participants are invited to take part in a Field Visit which will show three border crossing points (Sot, Neštin and Batrovci). Representatives of the border agencies will orally present the advantages and disadvantages of the border crossing points. The follow-up buffet lunch will be organised in the hunting resort of Morović.

Date: **Friday, 15 December 2006**

Time: **8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

Meeting point: **Hotel Intercontinental at 8:15**

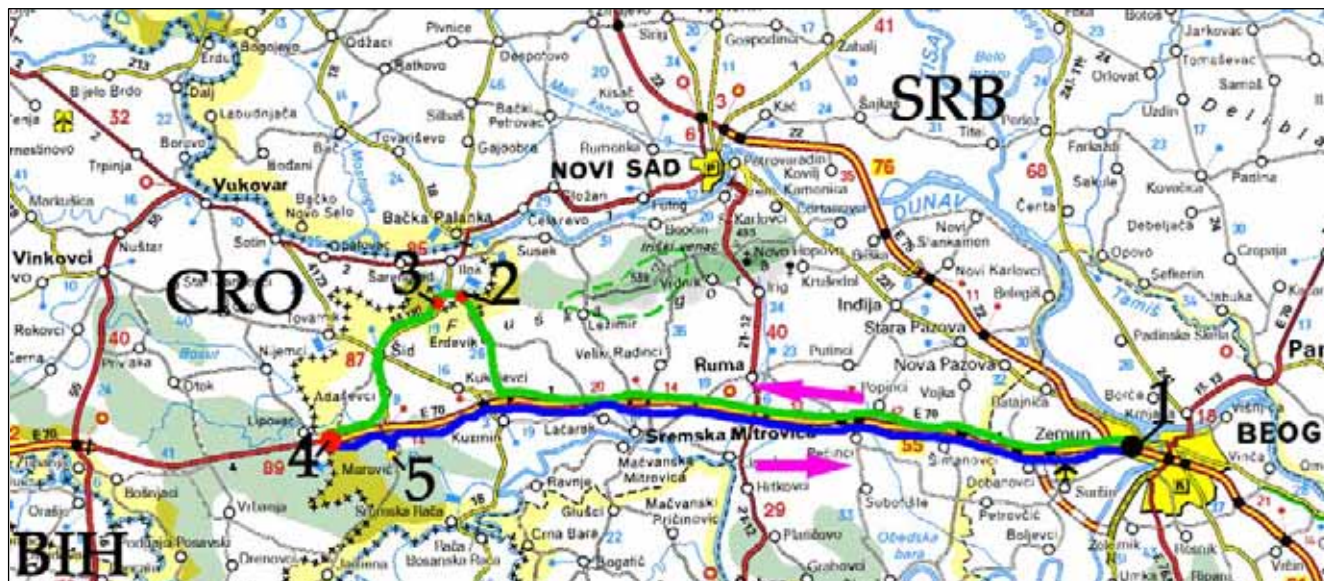
Distance from Belgrade: **1.5 hour drive**

Sightseeing: **border crossing points**

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PASSPORTS WITH YOU**

- 8:30 Departure from the Hotel Intercontinental, Belgrade
- 10:00 Arrival at the border crossing of Neštin, crossing to Croatia
- 10:30 Arrival at the border crossing of Sot, crossing from Croatia
- 11:00 Arrival at the border crossing of Batrovci
Customs Administration, inspection and border police deliver a short presentation and exchange experiences with the guests
- 12:00 Departure for Morović
- 12:15 Lunch in Morović
- 13:45 Departure for Belgrade
- 15:15 Arrival in Belgrade, Sava Centar
- 15:30 Continuation of Seminar

Field visit leaders: Zoran Popović (OSCE) and Sofija Vasiljević (Ministry of Finance)



Legend:

- 1 – Sava Centar/Intercontinental
- 2 – Border crossing Neštin
- 3 – Border crossing Sot
- 4 – Border crossing Batrovci
- 5 – Hunting resort of Morović