2020 Albanian OSCE Chairmanship Conference

“Good Governance and the Fight against Corruption in the Digital Era: Strengthening the Principles of Transparency, Integrity and Accountability”

Vienna, 6-7 July 2020

DRAFT – AGENDA

Monday, 6 July 2020

10:00 – 12:00 Opening Session

Welcoming Remarks:

- H.E. Mr. Edi Rama, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Prime Minister and Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania
- H.E. Ambassador Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General
- H.E. Ms. Etilda Gjonaj, Minister of Justice, Republic of Albania

High-Level Panel:

- H.E. Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Director General of the United Nations Office at Vienna
- H.E. Mr. Nikola Dimitrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs, North Macedonia
- H.E. Mr. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom
- H.E. Mr. Rustam Badasyan, Minister of Justice, Republic of Armenia
- H.E. Ms. Suzana Pribilović, Minister of Public Administration, Montenegro
- Mr. Vittorio Ferraresi, Under Secretary of State for Justice, Italy
- Mr. Sherzod Asadov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uzbekistan
- Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze, Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia

Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chairperson of OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE
12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14.00 Session I: Strengthening accountability: the impact of combating corruption and enhancing good governance on security, stability and economic growth

Suggested topics:

- Building trust and confidence in national institutions and the economy through effective, accountable and transparent governance;
- Facilitating enhanced economic growth by strengthening anti-corruption measures;
- Combating corruption in the security sector;
- Raising awareness about the links between corruption, money-laundering and transnational organized crime.

Speakers:

- Mr. Jonathan Parish, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Operations Division, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Ms. Kirsten Madison, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, United States of America
- Mr. Jürgen Stock, Secretary General, INTERPOL
- Mr. Marin Mrčela, President, Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO)

Discussion

Moderator: Ambassador Florian Raunig, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE

14:00 – 15.00 Lunch break
15.00 – 16:30 Session II: Anti-corruption strategies and anti-corruption bodies in the OSCE area: best practices and lessons learned

Suggested topics:

- Development and implementation of anti-corruption policies;
- Anti-corruption monitoring and evaluation bodies – challenges and successes;
- Effective collaboration between anti-corruption bodies in international operations;
- International cooperation in the development of anti-corruption performance indicators;

Speakers:

- Mr. Andrey Avetisyan, Ambassador-at-Large for International Anti-Corruption Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Dean, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)
- Ms. Eka Tkeshelashvili, Head, European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine
- Prof. Nicoletta Parisi, Member of the Board responsible for International Relations, Anti-Corruption National Authority (ANAC), Italy

Discussion

Moderator: Ambassador Radomír Boháč, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE

16.30 – 18:00 Session III: The role of digital technologies and innovation in preventing and combating corruption

Suggested topics:

- Fighting the culture of corruption through the use of digital solutions, simplified procedures and open data;
- Promoting the use of technology for more efficient, transparent, and responsive public service delivery;
- Digital tools to promote transparency in electoral processes;
- Preventing and combating corruption in public procurement through digital tools;
Speakers:

- **Ms. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir**, Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- **Dr. Christian Manquet**, Head, Unit for Substantive Criminal Law, Ministry of Justice, Austria
- **Ms. Judita Brzobohatá**, Expert, Department of Corruption Prevention, the Government Office, Republic of Slovakia

Discussion

**Moderator:** **Ambassador Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and to the International Organizations in Vienna

18.00 Reception hosted by the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship (upon invitation): “Palmenhaus”, Burggarten 1

**Tuesday, 7 July 2020**

09.00 – 10:30 **Session IV: The role of whistleblowers, media and civil society in tackling corruption**

**Suggested topics:**

- Effective mechanisms for the protection of whistleblowers in OSCE participating States;
- The role of investigative journalism and civil society organizations in the fight against corruption;
- The importance of media and national awareness-raising activities in the fight against corruption;

Speakers:

- **Mr. Harlem Désir**, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- **Ms. Marija Ristic**, Regional Director, Balkan Investigative Regional Network (BIRN)
- **Mr. Ivan Odeljan**, Head, Anti-Corruption Sector, Directorate for European Affairs, International and Judicial Cooperation, Republic of Croatia
- Mr. Sotiraq Hroni, Executive Director, Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM), Republic of Albania

Moderator: Ambassador Emilia Kraleva, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the OSCE, the UN and other International Organizations in Vienna

Discussion

10.30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Session V: International co-operation in the investigation and prosecution of corruption with the view to asset declarations and recovery

Suggested topics:

- International joint investigation teams as an effective tool to investigate trans-border corruption cases - national and international co-operation on asset recovery
- Regulating disclosure of interest and assets by public officials;
- The role of law enforcement and national authorities in relation to asset declarations and the prevention of conflicts of interest;
- Applicability of the upcoming: “International Treaty on Exchange of Data for the Verification of Asset Declarations”;
- Effective mechanisms to seize, manage and re-use assets recovered from corrupt practices;

Speakers:

- H.E. Ms. Renata Deskoska, Minister of Justice, North Macedonia
- Ms. Jennifer Moore, Crown Prosecution Service, United Kingdom
- Mr. Vladan Joksimović, Head, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI)
- Ms. Evgjeni Bashari, Secretary General, High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflicts of Interests, Republic of Albania
- Mr. Jonathan Spicer, Senior Asset Recovery Specialist, International Centre for Asset Recovery, Basel Institute on Governance, Switzerland

Discussion
Moderator: Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break
14.00 – 15.00 Concluding Session

Statements by delegations

Concluding remarks:

- Professor Paola Severino, Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption
- Mr. Agron Tare, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania

Moderator: Ms. Inid Milo, Head, OSCE Albanian Chairmanship Task Force