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**REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
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Seminar on Gender-Sensitive Labour Migration Policies

Brdo, 16-17 February 2009

**Venue: Brdo Congress Centre
Slovenia**

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 16 February

08.00 – 9.20 **Registration**

09.30 – 11.00 **OPENING SESSION**

Welcoming remarks

- **Senior government official, Slovenia**
- **OSCE Chairmanship, Greece**
- **Secretary General, OSCE**

Nomination of General Rapporteur

Keynote addresses

- **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna
- **Ms. Eva Biaudet**, Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- **Ms. Jamila Seftaoui**, Senior Gender Adviser, Gender Section, OSCE Secretariat

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30 – 13.00 **SESSION 1: Gender and Labour Migration – trends in the OSCE area and Mediterranean region**

- Feminization of labour migration
- Data sources and available research findings
- Gender Impact Assessment
- Gender Mainstreaming of labour migration policies

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch break**

14.30 – 16.00 **SESSION 2: National and International Legal Framework for the Protection of Female Migrant Workers**

- National labour market regulations, female migrant workers' legal protection and access to social welfare and social security; anti-discrimination and integration measures
- International standards and recommendations providing a framework for governance of labour migration: UN and ILO conventions
- Regional instruments of the Council of Europe and the European Union

16.00 – 16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30 - 18.00 **SESSION 3: Labour Migration Policies in Countries of Origin**

- Gender-sensitive pre-departure services: information on legal migration procedures and protection and safety issues, pre-departure orientations and training (language, vocational, financial, cultural)
- Gender aware regulation of private employment agencies
- Social costs of migration
- Re-integration of female migrant workers

19.00 - 21.00 **Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia**

Tuesday, 17 February

09.00 – 10.30 **SESSION 4: Inter-state Co-operation and Gender in Bilateral and Multilateral Temporary Labour Agreements**

- Gender-blindness in bilateral and multilateral temporary labour agreements
- Gender implications of current agreements
- Gender-mainstreaming in bilateral and multilateral agreements
- Ethical recruitment of skilled labour and support for reintegration in professional life after return

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 12.30 **SESSION 5: Labour Migration Policies in Destination countries**

- Gender issues in permanent immigration and temporary immigration regulations including seasonal and circular migration
- Gender-sensitive support services for labour migrants in destination countries at all skill levels
- Involvement of non-state stakeholders in formulating gender-sensitive labour immigration policies
- Good policies and practices in taking gender into account in labour immigration policies

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00 – 15.00 **CONCLUDING SESSION**

Moderator: **Ms. Jamila Seftaoui**, Senior Gender Adviser, Gender Section, OSCE Secretariat

Concluding remarks by:

- **General Rapporteur: Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna
- **OSCE Chairmanship**, Greece (tbc)
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, Slovenia