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**Seminar on the promotion of good governance
and fighting corruption in the area of transport infrastructure
development in the South Caucasus**

PROGRAMME

5-6 November 2009

“Hotel Intourist Palace”, Batumi, Georgia

(Working languages will be English, Georgian and Russian with simultaneous interpretation)

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

08:30 – 09:30 **REGISTRATION**

09:30 – 10:00 **OPENING REMARKS**

- **Mr. Sul Khan Jortmenadze**, First Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara, Georgia
- **Mr. Hubert Duhot**, Attaché for Technical and European Cooperation, Embassy of France in Georgia
- **Mr. Alexey Stukalo**, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), OSCE Secretariat

10:00 – 11:30 **SESSION I: EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION, RELEVANT FOR THE AREA OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Moderator: Mr. Alexey Stukalo, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE Secretariat

Speakers:

- **Mr. Samir Alibayov**, Senior ALAC Project Coordinator, Transparency International
- **Mr. Gigi Brendadze**, Programme Analyst (Governance) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- **Mr. Roel Janssens**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OSCE Secretariat

Selected topics:

- An overview of existing legal instruments and conventions linked with the fight against corruption and challenges related to their ratification and implementation, concrete examples and statistics
- Efforts aimed at combating corruption in public contracting
- Introduction of possible solutions: model concession contracts in the road transport sector and public private partnerships in infrastructure development

Questions and answers

11:30 – 11:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:45 – 13:00 **SESSION II: REVIEW OF REGIONAL CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

Moderator: Mr. Gigi Brendadze, Programme Analyst (Governance) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Speakers:

- **Mr. David Melkonyan**, Deputy Head of Transport Department, Ministry of Transport and Communication, Armenia
- **Mr. Gafgaz Adigozalov**, Leading Consultant, Department of International Relations, Ministry of Transport, Azerbaijan
- **Mr. Mamuka Chikhlabze**, Senior Specialist, Transport Department, Ministry of Economic Development, Georgia
- **Dr. Shalva Julakidze**, Chief Manager, Procurement Programme, Ilia Chavchavadze State University, Georgia

Selected topics:

- Current policy mechanisms and legislative frameworks in the fight against corruption, particularly in the area of transport infrastructure development
- Recent government initiatives aimed at setting up transparent and accountable public tendering and bidding process, planned procedural reforms, concrete measures etc.
- Private sector views on the current situation

Questions and answers

13:00 – 14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30 – 15:30 **SESSION III: INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLES FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS**

Moderator: Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OSCE Secretariat

Speakers:

- **Mr. Richard Martinez**, Counsellor, Central Department for the Prevention of Corruption, Ministry of Justice, France
- **Prof. Dr. Nino Dolidze**, Head of Public Policy Programme, School of Government, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs

Selected topics:

- Public tender procedures in the EU and beyond, Government perspectives and policies
- Using control and monitoring mechanisms to ensure full transparency, introducing a detection and whistleblower-system

Questions and answers

15:30 – 16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:00 – 17:00 **SESSION III: INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLES FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS - CONTINUED**

Moderator: Mr. Alexey Stukalo, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), OSCE Secretariat

Speakers:

- **Mr. Thomas Fritz**, Director for Business Development & Marketing, ILF Consulting Engineers, Austria
- Message on behalf of **Mr. Alexander Walcher**, Managing Director, Asfinag Bau Management GMBH, Austria

Selected topics:

- Public tender procedures, private sector perspectives and policies

Questions and Answers

17:00 – 17:30 **SESSION IV: PANEL DISCUSSION**

Facilitators: OCEEA Representative(s)

- Discussion with participants based on the sessions of the first day

- Identification of preliminary recommendations and priorities for future work

19:00 DINNER RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

09:30 – 10:30 SESSION V: BASED ON INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXISTING LEGAL INSTRUMENTS, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS? IDENTIFICATION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Moderator: Mr. Alexey Stukalo, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), OSCE Secretariat

Possible speakers:

- **Mr. Samir Alibayov**, Senior ALAC Project Coordinator, Transparency International, Azerbaijan National Chapter
- **Mr. Thomas Fritz**, Director for Business Development & Marketing, ILF Consulting Engineers, Austria
- **Mr. Richard Martinez**, Counsellor, Central Department for the Prevention of Corruption, Ministry of Justice, France

Selected topics:

- Reformulating existing policy frameworks through removing ambiguities and developing risk sharing arrangements
- Adapting current legal and regulatory regimes
- Streamlining administrative procedures
- Stepping up capacity building efforts for the public and private sectors

Questions and Answers

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 SESSION VI – CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION

Facilitator: OCEEA Representative(s)

- Discussion with participants based on a prepared list of questions/topics
- Discussion on the ‘policy recommendations’ put forward in Session VI and identification of priorities for future work and possible follow-up, among others in the framework of the 2010 OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum process

12:00 – 12:30 CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS

- **Mr. Sul Khan Jortmenadze**, First Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara, Georgia
- **Mr. Alexey Stukalo**, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), OSCE Secretariat

12:30 – 13:30 FAREWELL LUNCH

14:00 – 17:00 STUDY VISIT TO THE BATUMI PORT FACILITIES

17:00 RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE AUTONOMOUS REPUBLIC OF ADJARA, GEORGIA