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To: All OSCE Delegations

Re: Summary Report of the 2005 Central Asia Regional Heads of Centres Meeting, held in Dushanbe on 17-18 March 2005

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Central Asian Regional Heads of Centres Meeting **17-18 March 2004, Dushanbe**

On 17 and 18 March, the first Central Asian Regional Heads of Centres Meeting (RHoCM) of the year took place in Dushanbe. The Heads of the five OSCE Centres in Central Asia, representatives of the current, previous and incoming Chairmanship, ODIHR, the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, and staff members from several units of the Secretariat attended the meeting.

The RHoCM was chaired by the Director of CPC, Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, and aimed at fostering further co-operation and co-ordination of the OSCE's current and planned activities in Central Asia with a view to improving assistance to the respective host countries.

The current Chairmanship was represented by the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in Office for the Participating States in Central Asia, Mr. Alojz Peterle, who gave a brief overview of his consultations with Delegations in Vienna and informed about his plans to visit the region regularly and to identify areas where the OSCE assistance is needed most.

Following a general review of political developments in the region, special attention was paid to elections, in particular to the recent parliamentary elections in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. A representative from ODIHR informed about their election assessments.

Several other regional activities such as planned projects on SALW, anti-terrorism initiatives, regional economic co-operation, the joint UNDP/UNEP/OSCE Environmental Security Initiative, and rule of law reform programmes were discussed during the course of the meeting.

In the framework of the RHoCM, a joint session on migration was held with representatives of other international organisations on 18 March. Representatives of UNDP, IOM and UNHCR attended the meeting and provided information on the latest tendencies in migration processes in the region and briefed about their activities. Possible areas for co-operation between the OSCE and these organisations were also discussed.