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“Migration management and its linkages with economic, social and environmental policies to the benefit of stability and security in the OSCE region”

FIRST PREPARATORY CONFERENCE

Prague, 16-17 October 2008

Conference Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, 118 00 Prague 1

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 16 October 2008

09.30 - 10.00 **Opening Plenary Session** (open to Press)

Mr. Tomáš Pojar, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Mr. Ilkka Rentola, Co-ordinator for Migration Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, OSCE Chairmanship

Mr. Theodoros Skylakakis, Secretary General for International Economic Relations and Development Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece, OSCE Chairmanship for 2009

Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

10.00 – 11.30 **Session I – Migration context and trends in the OSCE region (and the link with economic development, environmental degradation and security)**

Topics:

- (a) Key migration trends in the OSCE region
- (b) Contributions of migration – both legal and illegal - to economic development
- (c) Key migration policy options in the OSCE region
- (d) Impact of environmental degradation, including disasters, on migration

Moderator: Ms. Michele Klein-Solomon, Director, Migration Policy, research and Communication, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Rapporteur: Mr. Robert Mangham, Economic, Environmental and Regional Officer, OSCE Presence in Albania

Speakers:

- **Mr. Francisco M. Bataller**, Deputy Head, Coordination and Analysis, Directorate General External Relations, European Commission (*topic a*)
- **Ms. Irina Ivakhnyuk**, Senior Researcher, Deputy Director of the Department of Population, Faculty of Economics, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russian Federation (*topic a*)
- **Dr. Theodore Katsas**, Legal and Scientific Consultant, Hellenic Migration Policy Institute (*topic b*)
- **Mr. Pier Rossi-Longhi**, Technical Co-operation Specialist for Europe and Central Asia, IOM (*topic c*)
- **Mr. Fabrice Renaud**, Associate Director of United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security, Bonn, Germany (*topic d*)

Discussion

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 **Session II – Management of legal migration**

Topics:

- (a) Types of and channels for legal migration with a focus on labour
- (b) Assessing labour market and employer needs in both countries of origin and destination with a view toward job-matching and co-ordination with admission policies/programmes
- (c) Addressing the discrepancy between the needs and policies/programmes for high skilled as opposed to lower skilled labour migrants

Moderator: Mr. Almabek Demessinov, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Nina Lindroos-Kopolo, Economic Adviser, OCEEA/OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jean-Christophe Dumont**, International Migration Policies Department, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (*topics a / b / c*)
- **Mr. David Chico Zamanillo**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State for Immigration and Emigration, Ministry of Labour and Immigration, Spain (*topic a*)
- **Mr. Bahriddin Jabborov**, Director, State Agency on Social Protection, Labour and Migration, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Republic of Tajikistan (*topic a*)
- **Ms. Sophie Nonnenmacher**, Migration Policy Specialist, IOM (*topics b / c*)

Discussion

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30 **Session III - Protection of migrants in countries of origin, transit and destination, including gender aspects**

Topics:

- (a) International norms and standards applying to migration management
- (b) Ratification and implementation of national and international legal commitments
- (c) Regulation of employment agencies and combating illegal recruitment practices (effective employer sanctions for breaches of legislation) and exploitative working conditions
- (d) Information on legal migration channels/requirements and other support services

Moderator: Mr. Don Flynn, Chairman, Platform for International Co-operation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

Rapporteur: Ms. Ovsanna Babayan, Programme Officer, Democratization Programme, OSCE Office in Yerevan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Patrick Taran**, Senior Migration Specialist, International Migration Programme, International Labor Organization (ILO) (*topic a*)
- **Ms. Maria Ochoa-Llido**, Head of Migration and Roma Department, Directorate General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe (*topic b*)
- **Ms. Tatiana Petrova**, Head, Division of Employment Policy and Labor Migration, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Ukraine (*topic c*)
- **Mr Toktosun Sabyrov**, Deputy Chairman, State Committee on Migration and Employment, Kyrgyzstan (*topic d*)

Discussion

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30 **Session IV – Circular migration and return policies**

Topics:

- (a) Temporary and circular migration policies and their linkages with return migration
- (b) Achievements and challenges from the perspective of origin, transit and destination countries
- (c) Policies, practices and agreements for return and repatriation
- (d) Ways to further strengthen co-operation and dialogue between origin and destination countries

Moderator: Ms. Shelly Han, Policy Adviser, Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe/Helsinki Commission, United States of America

Rapporteur: Ms. Anna Platt, Migration Desk Officer, Migration Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom

Speakers:

- **Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade, Republic of Moldova (*topics a / b*)
- **Mr. Vitaliy Yakovlev**, Head, Readmission Department, Federal Migration Service, Russian Federation (*topic c*)
- **Mr. Mike Bisi**, Deputy Co-ordinator, Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC) (*topics c / d*)

Discussion

19.00 **Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
(Venue: Czernin Palace)**

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09.30 – 11.00 **Session V – Border management co-operation to facilitate labour
mobility and combat illegal migration**

Topics:

- (a) Border management to facilitate legal migration and discourage illegal migration
- (b) Co-operation experiences and new developments
- (c) Inter-agency co-operation at the border

Moderator: Mr. Henry Bolton, Senior Border Issues Adviser, Borders Unit, Conflict Prevention Center, OSCE Secretariat

Rapporteur: Mr. Yaroslav Yurtsaba, Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Mr. Michael Tschanz**, Director, Intergovernmental Dialogues and Research, International Centre for Migration Policy development (ICMPD) (*topic a*)
- **Mr. Richard Ares Baumgartner**, Strategic Development Officer, Frontex (*topic b*)
- **Mr. Franz Prutsch**, Project Manager, IOM Office in Azerbaijan (*topic c*)
- **Lt. Col. Murad Nagiyev**, Senior Officer, International Relations Department, State Border Service, Azerbaijan (*topic c*)

Discussion

10.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session VI – Combating criminal networks, smuggling of migrants
and trafficking of human beings**

Topics:

- (a) Co-operation areas and measures in combating smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings - national and inter-state police, border guards and other law enforcement agencies
- (b) Exchange of experience on good practices and effective policies in combating criminal networks
- (c) Inter-state judicial co-operation, implementation of controls and penal sanctions
- (d) Joint cross-border investigation teams to dismantle facilitators' networks

Moderator: Dr. Khalid Koser, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)

Rapporteur: Ms. Despina Touratzof, Economic Programme Officer, OCEEA/OSCE

Speakers:

- **Ms. Ruth Pojman**, Deputy Co-ordinator, Office of the Special Representative for Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE Secretariat (*topic a*)
- **Mr. Samir Rizvo**, State Co-ordinator on Anti-trafficking, Bosnia and Herzegovina (*topics a / b*)
- **Dr. Georgia Papagiannis**, Assistant Legal Advisor, Special Legal Service for EU Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece (*topic b*)
- **Mr. Benedikt Welfens**, Deputy to the National Member for Germany, Eurojust (*topics c / d*)

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 **Session VII – Prospects for closer inter-state and regional co-operation to develop comprehensive, effective and secure migration management approaches**

Topics:

- (a) Elements guaranteeing regional co-operation
- (b) Successful migration management approaches
- (c) Lessons learned and recommendations from previous sessions
- (d) The way ahead and the role of the OSCE. Co-operation with other national and international actors

Moderator: Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA/OSCE

Speakers (*to cover all/or a selection of topics: a, b, c, d*):

- **Mr. Jean-Christophe Peaucelle**, Technical Advisor, Ministry for Immigration, Integration, National Identity and Co-development, France/EU Presidency
- **Mr. Amanjol Nurseitov**, Director of Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.00 **Closing session**

Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
Ambassador Mara Marinaki, Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE