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“Promoting good governance at border crossings, improving the security of land transportation and facilitating international transport by road and rail in the OSCE region”

Part 2 / Prague, 24 – 26 May 2010

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

AGENDA

Monday, 24 May 2010

14.30 – 16.00 **Opening Session** (*open to the press*)

Moderator: Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, OSCE Chairmanship

Welcoming remarks:

- **Mr. Pavel Kafka**, Director General for Economic Cooperation and Culture Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, host country
- **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Mr. Goran Svilanović**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote addresses:

- **Mr. Jan Kubiš**, UN Under Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra**, UN Under Secretary General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- **Mr. Sergio Mujica**, Deputy Secretary General, World Customs Organization (WCO)

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.00 **Plenary Session I – Prospects for the further development of efficient and secure transit transportation between Asia and Europe**

Selected topics:

- The role of Eurasian transport links in overcoming the global economic downturn, contributing to mutual economic growth and thereby to regional stability and security
- Overcoming barriers to trade and transport, harmonising procedures and introducing new technologies along major transportation routes
- The importance of building partnerships between landlocked countries and their transit neighbours

Moderator: Ambassador Alyaksandr Sychov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Dmitry Balakin, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **H.E. Abelgazy Kusainov**, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Ganbat Chuluunkhuu**, Adviser to the Minister of Road Transportation, Construction and Urban Development of Mongolia
- **Mr. Vytautas Naudužas**, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Transport issues, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Mr. Sergey Stolyarov**, Deputy Director for Strategic Development, Russian Railways

Discussion

18.30 Reception hosted by the Kazakh Chairmanship (Czernin Palace)

Tuesday, 25 May 2010

09.30 – 10.30 **Plenary Session II – Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension**

Moderator: Mr. Azat Bekturov, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Rapporteur: Mr. Jan Olsson, Head, Economic and Environmental Unit, OSCE Office in Baku

- Presentation of the Review Report prepared by **Ms. Eva Molnar, Director of Transport Division**, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) focussed on the facilitation of international transport and the security of inland transport
- Discussion on the Review Report's main findings and recommendations

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/Tea break

11.00 – 13.00 **Plenary Session III – Panel Discussion on the role of the OSCE in promoting good governance in international transportation and at border crossings**

Moderator: Mr. Umberto de Pretto, Deputy Secretary General, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

Rapporteur: Mr. Emmanuel Huntzinger, Economic Officer, OSCE Office in Tajikistan

Panellists:

- **Ms. Eva Molnar**, Director, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Mr. Thomas Leimgruber**, Secretary General, International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
- **Mr. Mohammed Yahya Maroofi**, Secretary General, Economic Cooperation Organization
- **Mr. Daniel Perrier**, Member of the Capacity Building Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO)
- **Ms. Edwige Presle-Weiss**, Project Manager, Customs Training Development Programme, OSCE Centre in Bishkek
- **Mr. Nicolae Popa**, Regional Coordinator of UNCTAD ASYCUDA (Customs modernization) Programme for Europe and Central Asia, Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Mr. Jan Tomczyk**, Senior Consultant, Eurasian Transport Links project

Selected topics:

- Best practices and good governance at border crossings and in customs
- Transparency, integrity, and fighting corruption
- Co-ordinating, harmonizing and streamlining procedures and documentation
- Public-private co-operation
- The balance between security and facilitation
- Promotion of relevant legal instruments

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

SIDE EVENT

“Security implications of climate change, the need for sustainable energy policies in Kazakhstan” *

13:00 – 13:10 Film screening “Kazakhstan on the way to low carbon emissions”

13.10 – 13.25 Presentation by Mrs. G. Karibzhanova, Deputy Director of the Kyoto Protocol Department, Ministry of Environment Protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan

13.25 – 13.45 Questions and discussion

** A light sandwich lunch will be served*

14.30 – 16.00 **Plenary Session IV – Transport facilitation and security in Central Asia and with Afghanistan**

Selected topics:

- The potential for cross-border trade along Central Asia’s borders with Afghanistan and its role for regional economic development and stability
- The need to create positive conditions for legitimate transport and trade operations while at the same time tackling security risks and trafficking of narcotics and other illegal goods
- The current and possible future contribution of the OSCE

Moderator: Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Tigran Sukiasyan, National Programme Officer for Economic Affairs, OSCE Office in Yerevan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Ziauddin Zia**, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Afghanistan
- **Mr. Thomas M. Sanderson**, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Transnational Threats, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC, United States of America
- **General-Lieutenant Beksultan Sarsekov**, Head of the Central Asia Regional Information and Coordination Centre (CARICC), Almaty, Kazakhstan

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.00 **Plenary Session V – The impact of transportation on environment and security**

Selected topics:

- Promoting policies that contribute to enhancing the environmental sustainability of transport
- Tackling the risks posed by the transport of dangerous goods and the illegal trafficking of hazardous waste

Moderator: Mr. Anthonius De Vries, UNECE & OSCE/EED Co-ordinator, DG RELEX, European Commission

Rapporteur: Mr. Alexander Savelyev, National Project Officer, Environmental Affairs, OSCE Project Co-ordinator’s Office in Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jean Pierre Loubinoux**, Director General, International Union of Railways (UIC)
- **Dr. Christine Rose**, Head, Division for Legislation of Federal Roads, Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria
- **Mr. Gustav Kafka**, Deputy Secretary General, Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)
- **Mr. Nigmatzhan Issingarin**, President of the Association of National Freight Forwarders of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Discussion

18.30 **Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities** (Zofin Gardens)

Wednesday, 26 May 2010

09.30 - 11.00 **Plenary Session VI – Specific transport security aspects and the role of the OSCE**

Selected topics:

- Strengthening the implementation of available legal and other tools to ensure both increased security and greater facilitation
- Promoting a multilateral, integrated and co-operative approach regarding international transportation and supply chain security
- Sharing of information and the exchange of good practices on land transport security through multi-stakeholder co-operation

Moderator: Mr. Raphael Perl, Head of the Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU), OSCE Secretariat

Rapporteur: Mr. Forest Atkinson, Political Officer, US Mission to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Robert Nowak**, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Mr. Laurence Brown**, EMEA Business Manager, Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA)
- **Mr. Andrew Cook**, Head of Land Transport Security Policy Development TRANSEC, UK Department for Transport
- **Mr. Adlet Barmenkulov**, Chairman of the Transport Control Committee, Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Discussion

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 13.00 **Concluding Plenary Session – The role of the OSCE in follow-up to the 18th Economic and Environmental Forum**

Selected topics:

- Presentations of specific OSCE contributions, including examples from the field

Moderator: Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Ms. Amaya Sotes, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Governance Unit, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE Secretariat

Speakers:

- **Mr. Wolfgang Maierhofer**, Director, OSCE Border Management Staff College (BMSC) in Dushanbe
- **Ms. Nuripa Mukanova**, Secretary General, Anti-Corruption Business Council, Kyrgyz Republic
- Selected OSCE field presences

Discussion

Closing Statement:

- **Mr. Azat Bekturov**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan