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Agenda of the Joint OSCE/UNODC Technical Experts Conference on Border Management and Security

Vienna (Hofburg), 7- 8 September 2004

1. General information

On 7 and 8 September 2004 a Joint OSCE/UNODC Technical Experts Conference on Border Management and Security will take place in Vienna at the Hofburg Congress Centre. The Conference will be co-chaired by Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre within the OSCE Secretariat and Bernard Frahi, Chief of the Partnership in Development Branch of UNODC.

Interpretation into the six official OSCE languages will be provided during the Conference.

The participating States of the OSCE will attend the Conference at expert level. They are asked to focus on their respective experiences with international organizations.

The aim of the Conference will be to share international organisations' experience in promoting more effective border management and security, and to develop a more strategic and co-ordinated approach to delivering international assistance. The Conference will highlight the capacities of the respective international organisations for providing assistance in capacity-building in the area of border control and management, and work toward co-ordination, streamlining and avoiding duplication in international co-operation while providing assistance in this area.

The expected results and outputs from the Conference will lead to improved co-ordination, streamlining and the avoidance of duplication, while providing assistance in the area of border management and security capacity building. These considerations might include a follow-up system of regular meetings, at which, *inter alia*, expertise, results and best practices could be shared.

Strategies to counter corruption in international border management and security assistance initiatives should be discussed as well as ways to identify modalities where international organizations might act in partnership in the field of border related activities following the identification of areas of specific expertise and value added among respective international organizations. Each international organisation should seek to identify good practices in border management and security as well as impediments to effective co-operation in border issues and their related activities, including legal obstacles, resources, political mandates, and organizational constraints and to consider measures to overcome them, and to agree a statement of intent to work closely together over all border related activities.

2. Concept of the Conference

The Conference will be divided into three sessions over two days. The first session will concentrate on identifying the principal issues and challenges in border management and security; the second session will examine more specific border management and security issues, including controls, effective policing, customs requirements and addressing corruption; the third session will consider mechanisms to support closer co-operation with recommendations for specific co-ordination between international organizations, taking into account areas where they can provide added value.

Please note that keynote speeches should not exceed ten minutes and interventions from the floor three minutes.

Tuesday, 7 September 2004

08.30 - 09.30 Registration of Participants

09.30 - 10.00 Opening Session

Opening addresses given by the Representative of the Chairman in Office, Secretary General of OSCE and the Executive Director of UNODC

10.00 - 13.00 Session 1 - Border Management and Security - Identifying the issues and challenges

Keynote presentations made by:

- EU/European Commission
- CIS
- OSCE
- IAEA
- NATO

These keynote presentations will be followed by an inter-active discussion where participants are encouraged to share their experiences and to consider the following issues:

- To define general security challenges at the borders
- To define the challenges facing international organizations in implementing border - related projects
- To share the expertise and experiences of the respective international organizations from their involvement in border control activities
- To identify the obstacles, and measures required to overcome them, in order to develop effective inter agency cross-border co-operation
- To provide examples of existing and planned border control programmes

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 17.30 Session 2 - Border Policing and Customs - Information sharing, cross-border co-operation and addressing corruption

Keynote presentations made by:

- UNODC
- EU/European Commission
- WCO
- US/EU Joint presentation
- OAS

These keynote presentations will be followed by an inter-active discussion where participants are encouraged to share their experiences and to consider the following issues:

- Anti-corruption strategies, development of professional standards and investigation of complaints
- Inter-agency information sharing
- Developing cross-border co-operation
- Specific areas of good practice

18.00 - 19.00 Cocktails

Wednesday, 8 September 2004

**09.30 - 12.30 Session 3 - Strengthening Border Management and Security -
The development of a more strategic and co-ordinated approach to
international assistance**

Keynote presentations made by:

- OSCE
- UNHCR
- EU/European Commission
- US
- IOM

These keynote presentations will be followed by an inter-active discussion where participants are encouraged to share their experiences and to consider the following issues:

- Overcoming duplication of effort in international assistance programmes
- Need for improved co-ordination and complementarity between the major international organizations
- Development of a more focused, target-orientated approach
- To identify and agree on a mechanism to co-ordinate international assistance

12.30 - 13.00 Summary of the conference and concluding remarks.

List of Organizations/Institutions to be invited to participate

- OSCE participating States at expert level
- Partners for Co-operation and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation
- OSCE Institutions and Secretariat
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs (UNDDA)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- UN Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNCTC)
- The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- European Union/European Commission
- Council of Europe
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe
- Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
- GUUAM
- Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)
- Interpol
- Europol
- World Customs Organization (WCO)
- Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI)
- Representatives of the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods & Technologies
- Organisation of American States (OAS)
- International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
- International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
- Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) [observer]
- International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) [observer]