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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”**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Monday, 18 May 2009**

**10.00 – 11.00            Opening Session**

- Opening Address by the Chairperson in Office
- Introductory Remarks by the OSCE Secretary General and the CoEEA
- Keynote speeches

**11.00 – 11.30            Coffee/Tea Break**

**11.30 – 13.00            Session I: Managing migration in a changing global environment**

**Key issues:**

- Alleviating the negative effects of the global financial/economic crisis on international migration and development
- Developing a comprehensive and co-operative approach enhancing economic development and stability
- Developing policy models incorporating migration management, developmental aspects and human rights aspects
- Upholding migrants’ rights, dignity and equality of treatment, combating discrimination and xenophobia as serious challenges to security and stability in OSCE area

**Presentations followed by discussion**

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.30 **Session II: Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension focusing on migration**

- Presentation of the Review Report by the International Labour Office

Commentators

Discussion

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee/Tea Break

17.00 – 18.30 **Session III: Gender and labour migration policies**

- Presentation of the OSCE Guide on Gender-Sensitive Labour Migration Policies

**Key issues:**

- Gender mainstreaming in permanent and temporary labour admission policies – main challenges, mainstreaming methods and tools
- Exchange of experience on measures being taken to provide legal migration channels for foreign domestic and care service workers to avoid irregular employment and improve labour protection to all economic sectors
- Improving migration policies and support services to attract more female migrant workers into high-skilled sectors
- Developing gender sensitive support services in countries of destination and origin to aid integration and re-integration upon return as well as limit the social costs of migration on the ‘left-behind’

**Presentations followed by discussion**

20.00 Reception

**Tuesday, 19 May 2009**

09.30 – 11.00 **Session IV: Enhancing the development impact of migration**

**Key issues:**

- Enhancing the positive contributions to economic and social development made by migrants by promoting policy coherence between migration policy and economic development policy

- Responding to increasing unemployment among national and migrant populations, return migration and to decreasing remittance inflows and reduced opportunities for seasonal migration by supporting employment creating initiatives such as improved conditions for investment, SME development and self-employment
- Promoting shared responsibilities and co-operation between origin and destination countries through co-development, more effective use of remittances, migrants' investment and development potential

### **Presentations followed by discussion**

11.00 – 11.30            Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00            **Session V: Addressing the environmental factors of migration**

#### **Key issues:**

- Discussing scenarios and raising awareness concerning the future impact of climate change on migration
- Enhancing early warning, preparedness and informed policy responses through research and scientific data gathering
- Addressing common environmental issues having a possible impact on migration in the context of regional security

### **Presentations followed by discussion**

13.00 – 15.00            Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.30            **Session VI: Strengthening regional and inter-state co-operation in the area of migration management for the benefit of stability and security**

#### **Key issues (discussed in regional context - EU, CIS, Central Asia, Mediterranean, Black Sea regions and others):**

- Cooperation for standardised and harmonised migration databases for evidence-based policy-making
- Building effective migration management institutions and structures involving all relevant stakeholders and supporting regional cooperation and economic development
- Promoting mutual action which foster labour rights, social welfare and social integration to avoid exploitation and abuse of migrant workers in the workplace and society in general
- Promoting legal channels based on labour market assessments and closer cooperation between employment agencies in countries of destination and origin
- Cooperation between countries to combat illegal migration and related criminal activities as well as strengthen border management

## **Presentations followed by discussion**

16.30 – 17.00          Coffee/Tea Break

17.00 – 18.30          **Session VI: Strengthening regional and inter-state co-operation in the area of migration management for the benefit of stability and security (continued)**

20.00                    Cultural Event

## **Wednesday, 20 May 2009**

09.30 – 11.00          **The OSCE contribution and follow-up ideas**

- Presentations of the OSCE Chairmanship and the CoEEA of follow-up proposals

Commentators

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30          Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 12.00          **Concluding Remarks – Closing of the Forum**

- CoEEA
- Greek OSCE Chairmanship