



## ROUNDTABLE ON SECURITY SECTOR OVERSIGHT FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF SERBIA

Geneva and Bern, Switzerland

3 – 6 June 2009

### PROGRAMME

**Venue:** **Hotel Royal, Manotel**  
Rue de Lausanne 41, Geneva  
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**Accommodation:** **Hotel Nash Ville**  
Rue de Berne 26, Geneva  
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#### **Abstract:**

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the OSCE Mission to Serbia are sponsoring a three day roundtable discussion on **Security Sector Oversight** for a selected group of Members of Parliament of Serbia. The aim of the Roundtable is to offer the participants a comprehensive overview of issues related to security sector oversight in a democracy, and to initiate a focused discussion on subject matters of particular relevance to Members of Parliament. The event will also include a visit to the Parliament of the Swiss Confederation in Bern. The Roundtable has been designed as part of a three leg capacity building series and is jointly funded by the OSCE and DCAF.

#### **Administrative Information:**

**Reservations:** Hotel reservations will be coordinated by DCAF.

**Flight arrangements:** The OSCE Mission to Serbia will coordinate/fund the flight arrangements for participants. DCAF will coordinate/fund the flight arrangements for speakers.

**Arrival and Transportation:** DCAF will coordinate and fund transportation from Geneva airport and to Bern.

**Points of Contact:** For matters relating to the content of the Roundtable, please contact Amb. Gregor Zore ([g.zore@dcaf.ch](mailto:g.zore@dcaf.ch), tel. +41 22 741 7723, mobile : +41 79 779 97 33) and Mr. Milan Sekuloski ([milan.sekuloski@osce.org](mailto:milan.sekuloski@osce.org), tel: +381(0)11 3606205, mobile : +381 (0)63 367165)

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## Tuesday, 2 June 2009

18:30 Arrival of participants

## Wednesday, 3 June 2009

09:00 **Opening of the Roundtable, welcome remarks, including introduction of the objectives of the Roundtable**

09:15 **Session I: An Introduction to SSR**

**Amb. Gregor Zore**, Senior Diplomatic Advisor, DCAF

*Discussion*

10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:20 **Session II: The Role of Parliament in SSR Oversight**

**Facilitator: Mr. Darko Stancic**, Head of Operations, DCAF

- *The Powers of Parliament in Oversight: A Comparative Overview*

**Mr. Peter Vanhoutte**, Expert on Parliamentary Empowerment, DCAF

- *The Parliamentary Committee on Security and Defence : Procedures and Practices*

**Mr. Jan Petersen**, Chair, the Standing Committee on Defence; Member, Enlarged Committee on Foreign Affairs; Storting, Oslo

- *Relations Between the Executive and the Legislative Branch*

**Mr. Wim Van Eekelen**, Former Secretary-General of the Western European Union (WEU) and Former Dutch Minister of Defence, Amsterdam

*Discussion and Conclusions*

12:30 **Lunch**

14:00 **Session III: National Security Strategy Development – Building the National Consensus on Security**

**Facilitator: Mr. David Law**, Senior Fellow, DCAF; Senior SSR Adviser, ISSAT, Geneva

- *Building a NSS: the Role of the Executive Bodies and of the Parliament*

**Mr. Peter Vanhoutte**, Parliamentary Empowerment Expert, DCAF

- *Disseminating a NSS: Messages to Key Actors*

**Mr. David Law**, Senior Fellow, DCAF; Senior SSR Adviser, ISSAT, Geneva

*Discussion*

15:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Session IV: European Security Strategy**  
**Dr. Sven Biscop**, Director of the Security and Global Governance Programme at Egmont, The Royal Institute for International Relations, Belgium

***Discussion and Conclusions***

19:30 ***Dinner***  
Hosted by DCAF  
Restaurant 'Café Papon', rue Henri-Fazy 1, Tel : 022 311 54 28

**Thursday, 4 June 2009 – BERN**

Briefing on Swiss Foreign and Security Policy

Meeting with members of the Parliament of Switzerland

**Friday, 5 June 2009**

09:00 **Session V: Current EU Justice and Home Affairs Issues**  
**Mr. Wouter Van De Rijt**, Principal Administrator, Justice and Home Affairs, EU-Council Secretariat, Brussels

***Discussion***

10:15 ***Coffee Break***

10:35 **Session VI: Cases of Democratic Oversight of Intelligence Services**

**Dr. Vlatko Cvrtila**, University of Zagreb, former President of the Croatian Parliamentary Council for Supervision of the Security Services, Zagreb

**Mr. Olda Cerny**, Former Director General of the Czech Foreign Intelligence Service, Prague

***Discussion***

12:30 ***Lunch***

14:00 –17:30 **Session VII: An Overview of the EU's Role in Soft and Hard Security Issues**

**A Brainstorming led by Mr. Adrian Taylor**, CEO, ForeSight and Strategy for Sustainability and Security in Governance, Hamburg

***Discussion and Conclusions***

19:30 ***Farewell Dinner***  
Hosted by DCAF  
Restaurant 'La Certitude', 7 rue Rossi, Tel : 022 738 27 26

**Saturday, 6 June, 2009**

10:15            Departure of participants