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Attached herewith is the revised Draft Annotated Agenda for the Twelfth Meeting of the OSCE Economic Forum: New Challenges for Building up Institutional and Human Capacity for Economic Development and Co-operation, Prague, 31 May - 4 June 2004.



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The Twelfth Meeting of the OSCE Economic Forum **“New Challenges for Building up Institutional and Human Capacity** **for Economic Development and Co-operation”** **Prague, 31 May - 4 June 2004**

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday 31 May:

- 10.00 – 18.00 Registration for the Economic Forum
- 15.00 – 18.00 **Opening Plenary** (open to the press) (Plenary Hall)
- Welcoming Remarks by the Chairperson of the Economic Forum,
Ambassador Ivan Naydenov, Director of the OSCE Chairmanship
Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Welcoming Remarks by the representative of the Government of the Czech
Republic, **H.E. Cyril Svoboda**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Opening Address by the Chairman-in-Office, **H.E. Solomon Passy**,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Welcoming Remarks by **Mr. Marcin Świącicki**, Co-ordinator of OSCE
Economic and Environmental Activities
- Addresses by representatives of OSCE Institutions:
- Ms. Barbara Haering**, Vice-President, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (tbc)
Mr. Christian Strohal, Director, ODIHR
Mr. John de Fonblanque, Director, on behalf of Mr. Rolf Ekéus, HCNM
- Keynote Addresses by:
- Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations
Economic Commission for Europe
- Mr. Marek Dąbrowski**, Chairman of the Council of the CASE
Foundation, Center for Social and Economic Research, Poland
- Mr. Oliver Wieck**, Executive Director, German Committee on Eastern
European Economic Relations
- Discussion, including statements
- 18.30 **Reception hosted by H.E. Solomon Passy**, Chairman-in-Office of the
OSCE, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria
(Toskánský Palác)

Tuesday 1 June:

09.00 – 18.00 Registration for the Economic Forum

10.00 – 13.00 **Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension** (Plenary Hall)

Chairperson: **Ambassador Ivan Naydenov**, Chairperson of the Economic Forum
Rapporteur: **Mr. Denis Sidorenko**, Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE

Presentation of the UNECE Report on the implementation of OSCE commitments focusing on the investment climate by **Mr. Abdur Chowdhury**, Director, Economic Analysis Division, UNECE

Discussion

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.00 **Ongoing and future activities relating to the OSCE economic and environmental dimension** (Plenary Hall)

Presentation of the OCEEA Activity Report by **Mr. Marcin Świącicki**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

16.00 – 18.00 **Plenary Session – Partnership with the Business Community for Institutional and Human Capacity Building** (Plenary Hall)

Chairperson: **Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado**, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Mr. Marc Baltes**, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr. Charles William Maynes**, President, Eurasia Foundation
- **Ms. Erika Mink**, Environment Director, Europe, Tetra Pak
- **Mr. Michael Bleyzer**, President & CEO, SigmaBleyzer, The Bleyzer Foundation, Ukrainian Growth Funds, Southeast European Growth Fund
- **Ms. Karen Bellis**, LiveWire Global Co-ordinator, Shell International
- **Mr. Alois Flatz**, Sustainable Asset Management
- **Mr Stefan Crets**, Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, Toyota Motor Europe

Wednesday 2 June

Parallel sessions of WG A, B, C

WG A – Political commitment for institutional development and reform

WG B – Capacity building for the private sector

WG C – Human capital development as an investment for the future

09.30 – 11.00

Session A 1 – Creating awareness of the value of the environment through education and responsible economic development, including eco-tourism (Plenary Hall)

Moderator: Mr. Gilbert Dubois, Director, DG RELEX, European Commission
Rapporteur: Mr. David Swalley, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Baku

Mr Stefan Crets, Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, Toyota Motor Europe
Mr. Jon Kahn, Director, Ministry of Environment, Sweden
Ms Susan Snelson, Founder/Executive Director - Network for International Economic Development (NIED)
Mr. Armands Pupols, Mission Program officer, Center for Prevention of Conflict; OSCE Secretariat

Session B 1 – Supporting entrepreneurship as a means of economic empowerment (Gallery Hall)

Moderator: Jaroslav Kinach, OECD Advisor in Ukraine
Rapporteur: Ms. Katherine Brucker, United States Mission to the OSCE

Mr. David Smallbone, Head of Center for Enterprise and Economic Development Research, Middlesex University Business School, UK
Mr. Bahriddin Shermatov, Economic and Environmental Assistant, OSCE Center in Dushanbe
Ms. Srna Sudar Vilotic, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Field Office in Podgorica, OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Session A 2 – Creating the framework for sustainable development through legislative reform and institutional capacity building (Plenary Hall)

Moderator: Mr. Gilbert Dubois, Director, DG RELEX, European Commission
Rapporteur: Ms. Wendy Hadwen, Delegation of Canada to the OSCE

Ms. Sabine Hoefnagel, Senior Consultant, ERM International Development Services
Mr. Daniel Ivarsson, Managing Director, FIDIC
Mr. Dusan Vasiljevic, Head of the Economic and Environment Department, OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro

Session B 2 – Supporting entrepreneurship as a means of economic empowerment (continuation of Session B 1) (Gallery Hall)

Moderator: Jaroslav Kinach, OECD Advisor in Ukraine
Rapporteur: Ms. Katherine Brucker, United States Mission to the OSCE

Mr. Andrey Shlevkov, Deputy Regional Representative for Europe, World Tourism Organization
Mr. Goran Beus Richembergh, Central and East European Development Co-ordinator, International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF)
Mr. Yuriy Avksentyev, Head, The State Committee for Entrepreneurship Support and Regulatory Policy, Ukraine

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00

Session C 1 – Reform in the field of education
(Plenary Hall)

Moderator: Ms. Sonja Moser Starrach, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in BiH

Rapporteur: Mr. Luis Francisco Martinez Montes, Permanent Mission of Spain to the OSCE

Mr. Per Nyborg, Head, Secretariat of the Bologna Follow-up Group

Ms. Olga Kuznetsova, Rector of the International Academy of Business in Almaty, Kazakhstan

Ms. Vera Stastná, Chair of the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Higher Education and Research (CD-ESR)

Session B 3 – Strengthening service and networking capacity of business organizations
(Gallery Hall)

Moderator: Mr. Michael S. Rattie, Senior Program Manager, PantherlabWorks, University of Pittsburgh, Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence

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

Mr. Stefan Hlawacek, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME)

Ms. Jeannette Kloetzer, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Yerevan

Mr. Armen Gevorgyan, Vice Minister for Trade and Economic Development of the Republic of Armenia

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 **Side event** (Gallery Hall)

Promoting entrepreneurship and opportunities for economic development for Roma and Sinti

Organized in co-operation by the OSCE/OCEEA, ODIHR CPRSI and Pakiv-European Roma Fund

Moderator: Ambassador Liviu Bota, Permanent Representative of Romania to the OSCE

Brief Presentations:

- The Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti within the OSCE Area and follow-up, in particular Chapter IV, "Addressing socio-economic issues", by **Mr. Nicolae Gheorghe**, OSCE-ODIHR Contact Point on Roma and Sinti Issues
- Human capacity development and income generation in Romani communities –the Pakiv European Roma Fund approach, by **Ms. Judit Bari**, Pakiv European Roma Fund (Hungary)
- Promoting economic opportunities in view of alleviating tensions and preventing social crisis in times of social welfare reform – example of recent legislative reforms in the Slovak Republic by **Ms. Erika Adamova**, Pakiv European Roma Fund (Slovakia)

Announced comments/background documentation on initiatives, programs of international organizations – and/or national governments, NGOs:

- Income generating activities in grassroots Roma communities in Romania, 1994-2003 AIDRom and Romani CRISS, Romania
- The Pakiv European Roma Fund - Experiences with economic development in marginalised Romani communities
- Contribution from the Czech Republic (to be confirmed)
- n Roma Fund (Slovakia)

Open discussion: Identifying ways to build strategic partnerships and joint actions in view of developing entrepreneurship and opportunities for economic development amongst Roma and Sinti.

Thursday 3 June

09.30 – 11.00

Session A 3 – Improving the business climate by building local capacity and promoting co-operation (Plenary Hall)

Moderator: Ambassador Colin Munro, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Louise Fluger Callesen, Permanent Delegation of Denmark to the OSCE

Mr. Edilberto Segura, SigmaBleyzer Foundation

Ms. Natia Natsvlishvili, Economic and Environmental Assistant, OSCE Mission to Georgia

Session C 2 – Reform in the field of education (continuation of Session C 1) (Gallery Hall)

Moderator: Ms. Sonja Moser Starrach, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in BiH

Rapporteur: Mr. Luis Francisco Martinez Montes, Permanent Mission of Spain to the OSCE

Ms. Claire Morel, Desk Officer for Tempus in Central Asia and the Caucasus, European Commission

Ms. Aliya Ishmukhamedova, Economics and Business Education Specialist, Office of Enterprise and Finance, USAID/CAR

Mr. Goran Petkovic, Associate Professor, Economic Faculty University of Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Session A 4 – Improving the business climate by building local capacity and promoting co-operation (continuation of Session A 3) (Plenary Hall)

Moderator: Ambassador Colin Munro, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Louise Fluger Callesen, Permanent Delegation of Denmark to the OSCE

Mr. Aidan O’Leary, Head of Administration and Finance, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Robert Mangham, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE-FO, Osh Kyrgyzstan

Session B 4 – Strengthening service and networking capacity of business organizations (continuation of Session B 3) (Gallery Hall)

Moderator: Mr. Michael S. Rattie, Senior Program Manager, PantherlabWorks, University of Pittsburgh, Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence

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

Mr. Michael Wancata, Deputy Director, Österreichische Kontrollbank, Austria

Ms. Marina Ayvazian, Private Sector Programme Officer, Eurasia Foundation

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00

Joint Session WGs A and B – Public Private Dialogue and Partnership (Plenary Hall)

Moderator: Mr. Frank van Beuningen, Policy Co-ordinator OSCE Desk, Department for Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

Session C 3 - Supporting academic education and research through co-operation and exchanges (Gallery Hall)

Moderator: Mr. Rasto Ovin, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business in Maribor, Slovenia

Rapporteur: Ms. Ledia Mucò, Economic and Environmental Advisor, OSCE Presence in Albania

Mr. Daniel Ivarsson, Managing Director, FIDIC

Mr. Auron Pashaj, Director, IDRA, Albania

Mr. Belmir Agic, Director, Brcko District Development Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Rapporteur: Ms. Nina Lindroos Kopolo, Associate Programme Officer, OCEEA

Mr. Peter Wells, Program Specialist, UNESCO-CEPES

Ms. Andrea Harris, Vice President – Caucasus Region, Eurasia Foundation

Mr. Eric Livny, Director, Economic Education Research Consortium, Moscow

Mr. George Sharvashidze, Senior Programme Manager, HESP, Open Society Institute

16.00 – 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 **Side Event/Donors' Meeting** (Mirror Hall)

**Anti-Trafficking Programme (ATP)
Public-Private Co-operation in the Prevention of
Trafficking in Human Beings**

Moderator: **Mr. Frank van Beuningen,** Policy Co-ordinator OSCE Desk, Department for Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Presentation of the ATP by the OSCE, IOM and Respect:

- ATP Overview
- Self-Regulation of Private Sector (Sub-Programme I)
- Awareness Raising in Countries of Destination (Sub-Programme II)
- Economic Empowerment (Sub-Programme III)

Discussion/Questions and Answers/Pledges

Closing

16.30 – 18.00 **Side event** (Gallery Hall)

Promoting co-operation with the Mediterranean Partners
(Interpretation English/French available)

Moderator: **Ambassador Janez Lenarcic,** Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the OSCE

Presentation on human capital development for market economy by Mr. Janez Malacic, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Discussion

18.30

Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (Czernin Palác)

Friday 4 June

- 09.30 – 11.00 **Special Session - Integration processes in the OSCE region** (part 1)
(Plenary Hall)
- Chairperson: **Ambassador Ivan Naydenov**, Chairperson of the Economic Forum
Rapporteur: **Mr. Jörn Beissert**, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the OSCE
- Mr. Vladimir Petrovitch Gutnik**, Head, Centre for European Research,
IMEMO, Moscow, Russian Federation
- Mr. Willem Buiter**, Chief Economist, EBRD
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.00 **Special Session - Integration processes in the OSCE region** (part 2)
(Plenary Hall)
- Mr. Rutger Wissels**, Director, Directorate General Enlargement, European
Commission
- Ms. Zaire Chulanova**, Co-ordinator of the economic group, Institute of
World Economy and Policy, First Kazakhstan President Foundation
Kazakhstan
- 13.00 – 15.00 Lunch
- 15.00 – 16.00 **Closing Plenary** (open to the press) (Plenary Hall)
- Rapporteurs' reports
- Closing remarks by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and
Environmental Activities, **Mr. Marcin Świącicki**
- Concluding remarks by the Chairperson of the Economic,
Ambassador Ivan Naydenov, Director of the OSCE Chairmanship
Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria