

Bulgarian Chairmanship

**1st DAY OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF
THE ECONOMIC FORUM**

First Plenary Meeting

1. Date: Monday, 31 May 2004

Opened: 3.05 p.m.

Closed: 6.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Naydenov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OPENING PLENARY (open to the press)

The Chairperson formally opened the Twelfth Meeting of the Economic Forum.

The agenda of the Twelfth Meeting of the Economic Forum was adopted and is annexed hereto.

(a) WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Mr. I. Naydenov, Chairperson of the Economic Forum, addressed the Meeting.

(b) WELCOMING REMARKS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

H.E. Mr. Cyril Svoboda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, addressed the Meeting (EF.DEL/24/04).

(c) OPENING ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

H.E. Mr. Solomon Passy, Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, addressed the Meeting (EF.DEL/7/04).

(d) WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Marcin Swiecicki, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, addressed the Meeting (EF.GAL/13/04).

(e) ADDRESSES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OSCE INSTITUTIONS

— Mr. C. Strohal, Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (EF.GAL/11/04)

— Mr. J. de Fonblanque, Director, Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities (EF.GAL/8/04)

(f) KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

— Ms. B. Schmögnerová, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (EF.IO/5/04)

— Mr. M. Dabrowski, Chairman, Council of the CASE Foundation, Centre for Social and Economic Research, Poland

— Mr. O. Wieck, Executive Director, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, Germany

(g) DISCUSSION

Slovenia (EF.DEL/25/04), Azerbaijan, Russian Federation (EF.DEL/14/04), Thailand (Partner for Co-operation) (EF.DEL/5/04), Ireland-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (EF.DEL/8/04), Ireland-European Union (European Commission), Holy See, Belarus, United States of America (EF.DEL/9/04), Switzerland (EF.DEL/11/04)

Contribution by: United Nations Industrial Development Organization

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 1 June 2004, at 10 a.m., in the plenary hall



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**AGENDA OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF
THE ECONOMIC FORUM**

**New challenges for building up institutional and human capacity for
economic development and co-operation**

Prague, 31 May to 4 June 2004

1. Opening plenary (open to the press)
 - (a) Welcoming remarks by the Chairperson of the Economic Forum
 - (b) Welcoming remarks by a representative of the Government of the Czech Republic
 - (c) Opening address by the Chairman-in-Office
 - (d) Welcoming remarks by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
 - (e) Addresses by representatives of OSCE institutions
 - (f) Keynote addresses
 - (g) Discussion
2. Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension
 - (a) Presentation of the report by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on the implementation of OSCE commitments focusing on the investment climate
 - (b) Discussion
3. Ongoing and future activities relating to the OSCE economic and environmental dimension

- (a) Presentation of the activity report by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
 - (b) Discussion
4. Plenary session: Partnership with the business community for institutional and human capacity-building
5. Working Group A: Political commitment for institutional development and reform
 - (a) Creating awareness of the value of the environment through education and responsible economic development, including ecotourism
 - (b) Creating the framework for sustainable development through legislative reform and institutional capacity-building
 - (c) Improving the business climate by building local capacity and promoting co-operation
 - (d) Public-private dialogue and partnership (joint session of WGs A and B)
6. Working Group B: Capacity-building for the private sector
 - (a) Supporting entrepreneurship as a means of economic empowerment
 - (b) Strengthening the service and networking capacity of business organizations
 - (c) Public-private dialogue and partnership (joint session of WGs A and B)
7. Working Group C: Development of human capital as an investment for the future
 - (a) Reform in the field of education
 - (b) Supporting academic education and research through co-operation and exchanges
8. Special session: Integration processes in the OSCE region
9. Closing plenary session (open to the press)
 - (a) Rapporteurs' reports on the implementation review session, the working sessions and the special session
 - (b) Closing remarks by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
 - (c) Concluding remarks by the Chairperson of the Economic Forum

Work Programme

Working hours:

Monday: 3–6 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

9.30–11 a.m., 11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2.30–4 p.m., 4.30–6 p.m.

(Please also note special working hours.)

	Monday 31 May	Tuesday 1 June	Wednesday 2 June	Thursday 3 June	Friday 4 June
Morning		PL — Item 2	WG A — Item 5(a) WG B — Item 6(a) afterwards: WG A — Item 5(b) WG B — Item 6(a)	WG A — Item 5(c) WG C — Item 7(a) afterwards: WG A — Item 5(c) WG B — Item 6(b)	SS — Item 8 afterwards: SS — Item 8
Afternoon	PL — Item 1	PLs — Items 3, 4	WG C — Item 7(a) WG B — Item 6(b) afterwards: SE	WGs A and B — Items 5(d) and 6(c) WG C — Item 7(b) afterwards: SE SE	PL — Item 9

PL = Plenary meeting
 WG = Working group
 SS = Special session
 SE = Side event