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Subject: 17th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum – Part 1
19 - 20 January 2009, Vienna

Attached herewith is a document consisting of the tentative Agenda for the 17th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum – Part 1, on “Migration management and its linkages with economic, social and environmental policies to the benefit of stability and security in the OSCE region”, 19 – 20 January 2009, Vienna.
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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”

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, 19 January 2009

09.30 – 11.00 Opening Session (open to Press)

Welcoming remarks

• Representative of Greece/OSCE Chairmanship for 2009
• OSCE Secretary General
• Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote presentations followed by discussion

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

• Benefits from legal migration for countries of destination
• Benefits from legal migration for countries of origin
• Main conclusions / recommendations of the Prague preparatory conference and how they could be taken forward

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00  **Session I – Prerequisites for effective migration policies**

Presentations followed by discussion

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

• Developing data collection and research tools for policy makers and the need for data harmonization
• Assessment of labour market demand and supply and the linkages with migration policy responses
• Inter-agency co-operation at national level to manage both control and facilitation

13.00 – 14.30  Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00  **Session II – Interstate co-operation for temporary labour migration**

Presentations followed by discussion

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

• Actions required by destination and origin countries to make circular migration work
• Experience sharing on implementation of circular migration programmes in the OSCE region
• Best practices exchange in regional and bilateral labour agreements

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00  **Session III – Facilitation of legal migration**

Presentations followed by discussion

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

• Information on legal migration channels, requirements and other support services
• Regulation of labour and employment agencies for effective policy implementation
• Promoting enhanced co-operation of labour and employment agencies (public and private, nationally and across borders) as well as of migrant information centres

18.15  Reception hosted by the CoEEA
Tuesday, 20 January 2009

09.30 – 11.00  **Session IV – Combating criminal networks involved in smuggling of migrants and illegal migration**

Presentations followed by discussion

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

- Interstate and inter-agency co-operation and coordination frameworks
- Exchange of experience on good practices and effective policies in combating illegal migration and criminal networks
- Joint cross-border investigation teams to dismantle facilitators' networks

11.00 - 11.30  Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.00  **Session V – Regional co-operation towards a comprehensive approach to migration**

Presentations followed by discussion

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

- Opportunities for closer intra- and inter-regional co-operation and coordination
- What can international and regional organizations do to facilitate faire, transparent and efficient administration of labour migration and address illegal migration
- What can the OSCE do to promote strengthened regional co-operation on migration issues

13.00 – 14.30  Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00  **Concluding Discussion – Follow-up to the Forum**

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.00  **Closing Session** (open to Press)

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