PART II OF THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area: Land degradation, soil contamination and water management

Opening Session (open to the press)

1. Date: Monday, 21 May 2007
   Opened: 2.40 p.m.
   Closed: 3.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé, Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Spain

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:
   Agenda item 1: Welcoming remarks
   (a) H.E. Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
   (b) Mr. M. Perrin de Brichambaut, Secretary General of the OSCE
   (c) Mr. B. Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (EF.GAL/12/07)
   (d) H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé, Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Spain (EF.DEL/49/07)

4. Next meeting:
   Monday, 21 May 2007, at 3.20 p.m., in the plenary hall
Introductory Plenary Session (keynote addresses open to the press)

1. Date: Monday, 21 May 2007
   Opened: 3.20 p.m.
   Closed: 5 p.m.

2. Chairperson: H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé, Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Spain (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:
   Agenda item 2: Introduction
   (a) Keynote addresses
      — Ms. C. Narbona Ruiz, Minister of the Environment of Spain
      — Mr. J. Podobnik, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia (EF.DEL/30/07)
      — Mr. M. Hamidov, Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources of Tajikistan (EF.DEL/29/07) (EF.DEL/29/07/Add.1)
      — Mr. K. Barlund, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (EF.IO/19/07)
   (b) Discussion
      Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (EF.DEL/38/07), Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Belarus (EF.DEL/44/07), Russian Federation, Armenia, Turkey (EF.DEL/35/07), Moderator

4. Next meeting:
   Tuesday, 22 May 2007, at 9 a.m., in the plenary hall
Review Session

1. **Date:** Tuesday, 22 May 2007
   
   Opened: 9 a.m.
   
   Closed: 10.15 a.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma (Spain) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed — Statements:**

   **Agenda item 3:** *Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments*

   (a) **Keynote addresses**

   — Mr. K. Barlund, UNECE (EF.IO/21/07)

   (b) **Discussion**

   Moderator, Belarus (EF.DEL/43/07), Turkey, France, Azerbaijan,
   Mr. K. Barlund (keynote speaker), Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and
   Environmental Activities

4. **Next meeting:**

   Tuesday, 22 May 2007, at 10.45 a.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary Session I

1. **Date:** Tuesday, 22 May 2007
   
   Opened: 10.55 a.m.
   
   Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Mr. J. Alejandre (Spain) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed — Statements:**

   **Agenda item 4:** Environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area

   (a) **Keynote addresses**
   
   — Ms. J. McGlade, European Environment Agency (EEA) (EF.IO/23/07)
   
   — Mr. J. Mundy, Office of the Special Representative for Climate Change, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom
   
   — Mr. T. Spencer, Institute for Environmental Security (IES)
   
   — Mr. C. Clini, Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea of Italy

   (b) **Discussion**
   
   Moderator, Germany, Russian Federation, Czech Republic, Canada, United States of America, Turkey, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Ms. J. McGlade (keynote speaker), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Spain

4. **Next meeting:**

   Tuesday, 22 May 2007, at 2.30 p.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary Session II

1. **Date**: Tuesday, 22 May 2007
   
   Opened: 2.35 p.m.
   Closed: 3.35 p.m.

2. **Chairperson**: Mr. M. Antolin Martinez (Spain) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed — Statements**:

   **Agenda item 5: Water — transboundary co-operation**

   (a) **Keynote addresses**
   
   — Mr. J.-P. Rivaud, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development of France
   
   — Mr. V. Dukhovny, Scientific Information Center of the Central Asian Interstate Coordination Water Commission (SIC ICWC) (EF.IO/16/07) (EF.IO/16/07/Add.1)
   
   — Mr. J. Rocha Afonso, Portuguese Water Institute

   (b) **Discussion**

   Moderator, Hungary, Russian Federation (EF.DEL/53/07), Society for Sustainable Development of Azerbaijan, Morocco (Partner for Co-operation), Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Mr. J.-P. Rivaud (keynote speaker)

4. **Next meeting**:

   Tuesday, 22 May 2007, at 3.40 p.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary Session III

1. **Date:** Tuesday, 22 May 2007
   
   Opened: 3.40 p.m.
   Closed: 4.30 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Mr. A. Zekoli (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
   (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed — Statements:**

   Agenda item 6: *Good governance in managing natural resources*

   (a) **Keynote addresses**

   — Mr. J. Heino, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (EF.IO/14/07) (EF.IO/14/07/Add.1)

   — Mr. J. Gerber, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) (EF.NGO/3/07)

   (b) **Discussion**

   Moderator, Belarus (EF.DEL/48/07), Mongolia (Partner for Co-operation)

4. **Next meeting:**

   Tuesday, 22 May 2007, at 5 p.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary Session IV

1. Date: Tuesday, 22 May 2007
   
   Opened: 5 p.m.
   Closed: 6.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen (Finland) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:
   
   Agenda item 7: Challenges to the management of water resources and to countering desertification in the Mediterranean region
   
   (a) Keynote addresses
   
   — Mr. J. L. Herranz Saez, Ministry of the Environment of Spain (EF.DEL/47/07)
   
   — Mr. S. Tal, Tal Content — Consulting and Enterprise Ltd. (EF.DEL/45/07)
   
   — Ms. R. Abdel Khaleq, Ministry of Water and Irrigation of Jordan (EF.DEL/23/07)
   
   — Mr. A. Touzi, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Algeria (EF.DEL/31/07) (EF.DEL/31/07/Add.1)
   
   (b) Discussion
   
   Morocco (Partner for Co-operation) (EF.DEL/46/07), Israel (Partner for Co-operation), Malta, Spain, Moderator

4. Next meeting:
   
   Wednesday, 23 May 2007, at 9 a.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary Session V

1. **Date:** Wednesday, 23 May 2007
   
   Opened: 9.10 a.m.
   Closed: 10.40 a.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ms. D. Yüksel-Beten (NATO) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed — Statements:**

   Agenda item 8: *Land degradation and soil contamination*

   (a) **Keynote addresses**
   
   — Mr. G. de Kalbermatten, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (EF.IO/15/07)

   — Mr. R. Raschman, DEKONTA, Czech Republic (EF.DEL/24/07) (EF.DEL/24/07/Add.1)

   (b) **Discussion**
   
   Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation) (EF.DEL/55/07), Czech Republic, Moldova, Scientific Information Center of the Central Asian Interstate Coordination Water Commission (SIC ICWC), Armenia (EF.DEL/51/07), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Mr. G. de Kalbermatten (keynote speaker), Moderator, Spain

4. **Next meeting:**

   Wednesday, 23 May 2007, at 11 a.m., in the plenary hall
### Closing Debate

1. **Date:** Wednesday, 23 May 2007
   
   Opened: 11.15 a.m.  
   Closed: 12.15 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Mr. B. Snoy (Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed — Statements:**

   **Agenda item 9:** *The role of the OSCE in the follow-up to the Fifteenth Economic and Environmental Forum*

   (a) **Discussion**

   Israel (Partner for Co-operation), Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), Germany-European Union (European Commission), Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (EF.DEL/54/07), Armenia, Tajikistan, United States of America, Azerbaijan, Society for Sustainable Development of Azerbaijan, Finland, Moderator

   (b) **Conclusions**

   Mr. J. A. López-Jorrín, Head of the OSCE Task Force of the 2007 Spanish Chairmanship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Spain

4. **Next meeting:**

   Wednesday, 23 May 2007, at 12.15 p.m., in the plenary hall
Closing Session (open to the press)

1. **Date:** Wednesday, 23 May 2007
   
   **Opened:** 12.15 p.m.  
   **Closed:** 12.45 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Mr. J. A. López-Jorrín, Head of the OSCE Task Force of the 2007 Spanish Chairmanship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Spain

3. **Subjects discussed — Statements:**
   
   **Agenda item 10:** *Closing statements*
   
   (a) Ms. C. Barrios y Almazor, Ambassador at Large for Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Spain
   
   (b) Mr. B. Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

4. **Next meeting:**
   
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   Chair: Finland