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

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 22 January 2007

09.30 – 13:00 **Opening Session** (open to Press until 11.00)

09.30 – 10.00 **Welcoming remarks:**

- **Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado**, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, OSCE Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, Secretary General of the OSCE
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

10.00 – 11.00 **Keynote addresses – Global efforts to combat land degradation and soil contamination and the OSCE role**

Moderator: Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Alexander Verbeek, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE

Keynote speakers:

- **H.E. Mr. Chérif Rahmani**, Minister of Environment and Land Development of Algeria, Honorary UN Spokesman for the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (tbc)
- **Mr. Marek Belka**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Mr. Grégoire de Kalbermatten**, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- **Ms. Jacqueline McGlade**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency (EEA)
- **Dr. Corrado Clini**, Director General, Department for Environmental Research and Development, Ministry of Environment and Protection of Land and Sea, Italy

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Continuation of the discussion**

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.15 **Session I – Environmental security and the specific challenges of land degradation and soil contamination**

Moderator: Dr. Deniz Yüksel-Beten, Head of Threats and Challenges Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO

Rapporteur: Mr. Curtis Peters, Delegation of Canada to the OSCE

Keynote speakers/Topics:

- **BG (R). Christopher King**, Ph.D., P.E., Dean of Academics, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College: *Concepts of Strategic Environmental Security*
- **Ms. Claudia Olazábal**, Agriculture and Soil Unit, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission
- **Mr. Frits Schlingemann**, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP Regional Office for Europe

Discussion

16.15 – 16.45 Coffee Break

16.45 – 18.00 **Session II – Environmental governance, in particular as it affects land degradation and soil contamination**

Moderator: Ambassador Doulat Kuanyshev, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Louise Callesen, Mission of Denmark to the OSCE

Keynote speakers/Topics:

- **Mr. Jeremy Wates**, Secretary to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters: *The Aarhus Convention as a tool for Improving Environmental Governance in the Sphere of Land Degradation and Soil Contamination*
- **Dr. Friedrich von Bismarck**, CEO for the Governmental Program for the Rehabilitation of East-German Lignite Mines: *Mining - a Challenge for Environmental Security - Lessons learned in East Germany*
- **Mr. Sergio Alvarez**, Head of Area, International Affairs Department, Ministry of Environment, Spain

Discussion

18.15

Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (Hofburg – Wintergarten, 2nd Floor)

Tuesday, 23 January 2007

09.30 – 11.00

Session III – Social effects of land degradation and soil contamination

Moderator: Ambassador Taous Feroukhi, Representative of Algeria to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Philip Reuchlin, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OSCE/OCEEA

Keynote speakers/Topics:

- **Dr. Fabrice Renaud**, Section Head, "Environmental Assessment and Resource Vulnerability", Associate Director of UNU Institute for Environment and Human Security, Bonn, Germany: *Impact of Land Degradation on Human Security: A major Push factor for Migrations?*
- **Dr. Falk Schmidt**, Scientific Officer, International Human Dimensions Program on Global Environmental Change, Bonn, Germany: *Human Dimensions of Land Use and Land Cover Change - the LUCC Example*
- **Ms. Anna Platonova**, Programme Officer, Migration/Freedom of Movement Unit, OSCE/ODIHR: *The issue of internal displacement in the OSCE context*

Discussion

11.00-11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00

Session IV – Environmental security and sustainable economic development

Moderator: Ambassador Christian D. Falkowski, Head of Delegation of the European Commission to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Shelly Han, Senior Adviser, Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe, USA

Keynote speakers/Topics:

- **Dr. Jose Luis Rubio**, European Society for Soil Conservation, Research Centre on Desertification, University of Valencia, Spain: *Implications of land degradation on socio-economics aspects and environmental security*
- **Mr. Dmitri O. Kolosov**, Head of the Legal Department, Federal Service for the Oversight of Natural Resources, Russian Federation
- **Mr. Alistair Clark**, Director of the Environment Department, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 **Panel Discussion – The role of the OSCE in follow-up to the Forum**

Moderator: Mr. Marc Baltes, Senior Economic Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Lorenzo Rilasciati, Delegation of the European Commission to the OSCE

Panellists:

- **Mr. Bo Libert**, Regional Adviser, Environment and Human Settlements Division, UNECE
- **Mr. Andreas Bieber**, Head of Division, Soil Protection and Contaminated Sites, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany
- **Dr. Deniz Yüksel-Beten**, Head of Threats and Challenges Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO
- **Mr. Leonid Ivanchenko**, Chair of the Second Committee of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Russian Federation
- **Ms. Petra Schwager**, Industrial Development Officer, Energy and Cleaner Production Branch, UNIDO
- **Mr. Ignacio Diaz de la Guardia**, Counsellor, OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain/OSCE Chairmanship

Discussion

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 – 17.30 **Closing Session** (open to Press)

- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado**, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, OSCE Chairmanship