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OSCE Congress Center, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna, Neuer Saal, 2nd Floor

**“Maritime and inland waterways co-operation in the OSCE area:
Increasing security and protecting the environment”**

AGENDA

Monday, 28 January 2008

09.30 – 10.30 **Opening Session** (open to Press)

Welcoming remarks

- **Ambassador Antti Turunen**, Chairman of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Finland/OSCE Chairmanship
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speaker

- **H.E. Kimmo Tiilikainen**, Minister of the Environment of Finland

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00 **Introductory Session: International frameworks - An anchor for security and environmental protection**

Moderator: Ambassador Antti Turunen, Chairman of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Finland/OSCE Chairmanship

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

Presentations followed by discussion

Ms. Eva Molnar, Director, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Mr. Antonios Vidalis, Policy Officer, Maritime Policy Task Force, European Commission

Mr. Edward Kleverlaan, Technical Officer, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

- *Current status and future prospects*
- *Enhancing political will to address security and environmental aspects of maritime and inland waterways co-operation - increasing potential for practical solutions*
- *Building national, regional and international frameworks for enhanced co-operation - challenges and opportunities*

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break

13.00 – 13.30 **Special Event:** Screening of the documentary film *Invaders from the Sea* (see Annex for more details; English/Russian interpretation provided)

Refreshments will be served in the Hofburg Cafeteria (2nd floor) after the film

14.30 – 16.00 **Session I – Security aspects related to maritime co-operation**

Moderator: **Mr. Raphael F. Perl**, Head, Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU), OSCE Secretariat

Rapporteur: **Mr. Andrew Price**, First Secretary, United Kingdom Delegation to the OSCE

Presentations followed by discussion

Mr. Ola Dahlman, Advisor, Swedish Institute for International Affairs

Mr. Dimitrios Theologitis, Head of Security Policy & Maritime Security Unit, DG TREN, European Commission

Captain John W. Koster, Commanding Officer / Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, US Coast Guard Activities in Europe

Mr. Jorma Rytönen, PhD, Research Director, Kymenlaakso University of Applied Sciences, Kotka Maritime Research Institute, Finland

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

- *Increasing maritime security - national and international perspectives*
- *Addressing multifaceted aspects of security*
- *Responding to the challenges of the 21st century in maritime security*

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 **Session II - Environmental and economic aspects of maritime co-operation**

Moderator: **Mr. Alistair Clark**, Director of the Environment Department, EBRD

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

Presentations followed by discussion

Mr. Bjørn Kristoffersen, Head of Society and Environment, Arctic Growth Theme, StatoilHydro, Norway

Ms. Anita Mäkinen, Head of Marine Programme, WWF Finland

Ms. Heike Imhoff, Deputy Head of Division, International Protection of the Seas, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany, Head of the German Delegation to HELCOM, Deputy Chairperson of the Baltic Sea Action Plan Task Force

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

- *Environmental and economic co-operation between various stakeholders as a way to increase security*
- *Combining economic and environmental considerations for an integrated approach*
- *Promoting good governance in order to enhance environmental protection*
- *Addressing future challenges*

18.15

Reception hosted by the OCEEA
(Palais Pallavicini, Josefsplatz 5, 1010 Vienna)

Tuesday, 29 January 2008

09.30 – 11.00

Session III – Inland waterways co-operation

Moderator: Ms. Eva Molnar, Director, Transport Division, UNECE

Rapporteur: Mr. Raul Daussa, Environmental Programme Officer, OSCE Secretariat/OCEEA

Presentations followed by discussion

Mr. Philip Weller, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)

Mr. Manfred Seitz, Managing Director, Via Donau - Austrian Waterways Development Agency

Mr. Brosnislav P. Govorovsky, Head of Water Transport Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Republic of Belarus

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

- *Security, environmental and economic aspects of inland waterways co-operation*
- *Transboundary co-operation - regional experiences*
- *Promoting co-operation and coordination between local and international actors and between various stakeholders*

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.00

Session IV - Promoting regional and inter-regional co-operation on environmental security

Moderator: Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado y de la Válgoma, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE

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

Presentations followed by discussion

Ms. Anne Christine Brusendorff, Executive Secretary, Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM)

Ms. Violeta Velikova, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution (BSC)

Mr. Vladimir Mamaev, GEF Regional Technical Advisor, Europe and the CIS, UNDP Bratislava Regional Centre

Possible topics that could be addressed during the session

- *Exchanging experiences and best practises*
- *Inter-regional co-operation - prospects for mutual benefit*
- *Building partnerships*

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.30

Concluding Discussion – The role of the OSCE in follow-up to the Forum

Moderator: Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OSCE Secretariat/OCEEA

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 Aleksi Härkönen**, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland/ OSCE Chairmanship

Invaders from the Sea shows how harmful organisms transported in ballast water by ships have caused biological and economic havoc around the world, largely due to expanded maritime trade and traffic volume over the last few decades. The effects in many areas of the world have been devastating. The film captures the dramatic impact of this issue on the lives of millions of people.

The film also highlights the progress made by IMO and the maritime industry in addressing this issue and the measures which can be taken to prevent the spread of harmful organisms.

Quantitative data show the rate of bio-invasions is continuing to increase, in many cases exponentially, and new areas are being invaded all the time. Volumes of seaborne trade continue to rise and the problem may not yet have reached its peak. Ballast is crucial for the stability of a ship and it is estimated that about 3 to 10 billion tonnes of ballast water are transferred globally each year, potentially transferring, from one location to another, species of sea life that may prove harmful when released into a non-native environment.

Invaders from the Sea won the gold award in the category of "Best United Nations Feature" at the "Stories from the Field", the third annual United Nations Documentary Film Festival, which took place in New York from 21 to 22 April 2007. The film was produced by IMO, in co-operation with the BBC (Natural History Unit) and the shipping industry. The Director was Sally Cryer. Filming for the documentary took place during 2005 and 2006, around the world, under the co ordination of a Steering Committee established by IMO at its Headquarters in London. The production enjoyed considerable sponsorship from Vela International Marine, BP Shipping and Wallenius-Alfa Laval Consortium, as well as from the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency and support from the GloBallast pilot countries (Brazil, China, Iran, India, South Africa and Ukraine).

"Our film underlines the vital role of shipping to world trade and the global economy and IMO's permanent efforts to address, effectively and proactively, any problems arising from the operation of ships that may impact negatively on our mission to ensure safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans. Winning this award will do much to make the general public appreciate even more the environmental work we carry out for the public good and for the achievement of Millennium Development Goals", said Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, Secretary-General of IMO.

The IMO documentary is intended to raise public awareness of the issue and of the measures being taken by IMO and shipping to tackle it, and is an invitation to Governments to implement the BWM Convention properly and effectively.

In 2004, IMO adopted the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention), a new international treaty to prevent the potentially devastating effects of the spread of aquatic organisms inadvertently transported in this way. When in force, the BWM Convention will require all ships to implement a Ballast Water and Sediments Management Plan. All ships will have to carry a Ballast Water Record Book and will be required to carry out ballast water management procedures to a given standard. Existing ships will be required to do the same, but after a phase-in period.