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### Second Preparatory Conference to the 15<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

**“Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable  
development in the OSCE area: Water Management”**

Zaragoza, Spain, 12-13 March 2007

Venue: Auditorio - Palacio de Congresos de Zaragoza

### ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### Monday, 12 March 2007

08.30 Registration

09.30 - 10.30 **Opening Plenary Session** (open to Press)

Welcoming remarks by:

- **Mr. Juan Alberto Belloch Julbe**, Mayor of Zaragoza
- **Mr. Antonio Serrano Rodríguez**, Secretary General for Territory and Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Spain
- **Mr. Emilio Fernández-Castaño y Díaz-Caneja**, General Organizer of the Zaragoza Expo 2008
- **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, Secretary General of the OSCE

10.30 - 12.00 **Plenary Session I – Fostering water co-operation:  
international and regional experiences**

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

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

Keynote speakers:

- **Ms. Francesca Bernardini**, Secretary of the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
- **Mr. Philip Weller**, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River: *Water co-operation – the Danube experience*

- **Mr. Anders Berntell**, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI): *Transboundary water management challenges – current and future opportunities and constraints*
- **Mr. Pierre Hecq**, Policy Officer, Co-ordinator for the EU Water Initiative, DG Environment, European Commission: *The European Water Initiative/EECCA component*
- **Mr. Jaime Palop**, Director General for Water, Ministry for Environment, Spain

Topics:

- Security and socio-economic implications of the (un)sustainable use of water resources; the need for sound and harmonized water and land management policies
- Building global international partnerships to address these issues and mobilize resources and support capacity building, in particular training programmes
- Improve and combat inequalities in access to water, considering quality and quantity

Discussion

12.00 – 12.30            Coffee Break

12.30 – 14.00            **Plenary Session II - OSCE experiences in promoting transboundary co-operation on water management**

**Moderator:** **Ms. Francesca Bernardini**, Secretary of the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

**Rapporteur:** **Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk**, Environmental Activities Officer, Office of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr. Dejan Komatina**, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission. *The Sava River Basin*
- **Ms. Natalia Zakorchevna**, Head of Department of Environmental Protection and Water Issues, The State Committee for Water Management of Ukraine. *The Dniester Process*
- **Ms. Natalia Alexeeva**, Project Manager, Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation. *Chu and Talas Rivers Public Participation (Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan)*

Topics:

- The necessity of integrated approaches in terms of policies and instruments, including at local level and the public involvement

Discussion

14.00 – 15.30            Lunch Break

15.30 – 17.00            **Plenary Session III – Economic governance aspects of sustainable water management**

**Moderator:** **Mr. Manuel Varela**, Department for Groundwater Resources, Ministry of Environment, Spain

**Rapporteur:** **Ms. Helen Santiago Fink**, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr. Nikola Marjanovic**, Director, Serbian Water Authority: *Water pricing policies and practices*
- **Ms. Cristina García-Orcoyen Tormo**, Managing Director, Fundacion Entorno (WBCSD). *The private sector perspective on water management*
- **Ms. Josefina Maestu**, Special Adviser on the European Water Directive, Ministry of Environment, Spain: *Prices of water services and efficiency of water use in Spain*

Topics:

- Economic and ecological implications of subsidies in the water sector
- Recognising the value of water related ecological services
- Private sector involvement and contribution for sustainable use of water

Discussion

17.00 – 17.30            Coffee Break

17.30 – 18.30            **Special Session**

- **Address by H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé, Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain**

Discussion

**19.00            Reception hosted by Mr. Juan Alberto Belloch Julbe, Mayor of Zaragoza (Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza)**

## **Tuesday, 13 March 2007**

10.00 – 11.00            **Plenary Session IV Part I – Prevention of water related conflicts: the role of good governance**

**Moderator:** **Mr. Sumter Lee Travers**, Director, Water and Sanitation, Europe and Central Asia Region, the World Bank

**Rapporteur:** **Ms. Lyale Nazarova**, Economic and Environmental Assistant, OSCE Centre in Ashgabad

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr. José Luis Alonso Gajón**, President of the “Confederación Hidrográfica del Ebro”, Ministry of Environment, Spain: *Integrated Water Management*
- **Mr. Henry Russel**, Deputy-Director, Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD): *Political reform and development through municipal infrastructure financing*

Topics:

- Integrated watershed management

- How can the conditionality of bilateral or multilateral institutions reduce mismanagement and corruption in water management
- How to deal with the prevalence of monopolies
- How funding initiatives have reduced tensions and contributed to post-conflict rehabilitation

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30 **Plenary Session IV Part II – Prevention of water related conflicts: water management in regional initiatives**

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

**Rapporteur:** **Ms. Saba Nordström**, Environmental Adviser, Office of the Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr. Thomas Stratenwerth**, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Germany: *The Petersberg Process and the Athens Declaration Process for regional co-operation on Transboundary Water Resources Management in South Eastern Europe*
- **Mr. Pulat Umarov**, Deputy Director, Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia: *Lessons on cooperation building to manage water conflicts in the Aral Sea Basin*
- **Mr. Alexander Mironenkov**, Adviser on water and energy issues, EurAsEC: *Economic integration as the main factor of sustainable water using and security in Central Asia*
- **Mr. Giora Sacham**, former Head of the Israeli Father Plan for National Water Management: *Prevention of water related conflicts – methodology for regional initiatives analysis*

Topics:

- What can we learn from existing regional co-operation processes in transboundary water resources management, such as the Petersberg and Athens Declaration processes for South Eastern Europe
- What are the main gaps in regional co-operation in other OSCE regions and sub-regions, particularly in Central-Asia
- What activities could the OSCE undertake to promote better regional co-operation towards addressing acute water management issues in the Aral Sea Basin

Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 **Plenary Session V – Emergency response, disaster preparedness and drought plans**

**Moderator:** **Mr. Philip Weller**, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

**Rapporteur:** **Mr. Ulugbek Ruziev**, Programme Assistant, Office of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei**, Environment Agency, Germany: *Hazard Prevention and Emergency Planning at Transboundary Rivers in the UN ECE Region*
- **Mr. Juan Carlos de Cea**, Department of Dam Inspection, Ministry of Environment, Spain: *Emergency Plans for dams*
- **Mr Teodoro Estrella**, Deputy General Director of Sustainable Water Use and Planning, Ministry of Environment, Spain: *National Drought Observatory and Spanish Drought Plans; Early Warning Systems*
- **Mr. Gregor Gregorič**, Environmental Agency of the Republic of Slovenia: *The Drought Management Centre for South-Eastern Europe*

Topics:

- Security implications of flooding, emergency response and disaster preparedness
- Addressing transboundary water pollution risks (associated particularly to hazardous chemicals and radioactive wastes)
- Early warning systems and Emergency plans for dams

Discussion

13.30 – 15.00            Lunch Break

15.00 – 17.00            **Panel - The Role of the OSCE: Follow up to the 15<sup>th</sup> Economic and Environmental Forum**

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

**Rapporteur:** **Mr. David Swalley**, Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer, Office of the Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Panellists:

- **Mr. Peter Svedberg**, Project Manager, UNDP's Regional Center in Bratislava, representing the Chairman of the ENVSEC Initiative
- **Mr. William Hanlon**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Mission to Georgia: *Lessons learned from the Kura Araks River Basin Project*
- **Ms. Spomenka Djurić**, OSCE Mission in Croatia, *Lessons learned from the Sava Initiative to develop a network of Local Actors*
- **Mr. Saulius Smalys**, Environmental Officer, OSCE Centre in Dushanbe: *Water sharing - fostering regional co-operation on transboundary water resources*

Topics:

- What could be the key recommendations on water management issues in the context of a potential OSCE Environment Security Strategy
- The concrete contributions the ENVSEC initiative can make
- OSCE role in reinforcing existing international frameworks of co-operation or in fostering the emergence of new ones when necessary
- Contribution of OSCE presences and field missions' activities

Discussion

17.00 – 17.30            Coffee Break

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**Conclusions and Closing**

- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Jose Angel López-Jorin**, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain, OSCE Chairmanship

**20.00**

**Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (Palacio de la Aljaferia)**