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Please find attached the power point presentation by Mr. Bill Hanlon, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Georgia, delivered to Session IV (*OSCE transport activities and their contribution to confidence building and the solution of unresolved conflicts: needs assessments and other OSCE supported activities in conflict and post conflict situations, i.e. South Caucasus, Moldova/Transdniestrian region, etc.*), of the 14th OSCE Economic Forum, Part 2, Prague, 22-24 May 2006.

Incorporating the Economic Dimension into Conflict Resolution – The South Ossetia Needs Assessment and the Role of Transport

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The Needs Assessment Study (NAS)

- Economic rehabilitation – confidence building and constructive political dialogue
- Allocation of large-scale economic assistance into key areas



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NAS – Area of Interest

- The zone of conflict and adjacent areas
- Potentially benefits the entire populations in the conflict zone and beyond



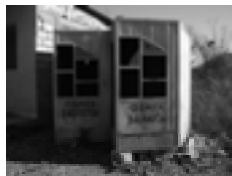
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NAS – Objectives

Fields of expertise

- Road engineering
- Energy
- Civil engineering
- Business development
- Rural development
- Banking and finance



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NAS – Approach

- Emphasis on projects which impact and involve all communities
- Transparent and Open Process




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NAS – Methodology

- Steering Committee
 - Representatives of the sides
 - OSCE Mission to Georgia
 - EC
 - UNDP/UNHCR
 - Representatives of the Donor Community
- 5 international experts
- Teamed with 12 Georgian and South Ossetian experts





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NAS – Transportation Issues


- “Trans Caucasian Highway” Rehabilitation
- Economic Development Centre to look at issues related to transport and the movement of goods


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NAS – Current Status and Next Steps




- The Mission submitted the results of the NAS to the Co-Chairs of the JCC in March.
- The Steering Committee on the NAS met in Yerevan in April 2006 and worked out a draft package of agreed projects worth about 10 million Euros.
- At the 48th meeting of the JCC, held in Tskhinvali this May, the JCC Co-Chairs approved a revised package of agreed project proposals.

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NAS – Current Status and Next Steps (Continued)




- Also, the JCC Co-Chairs agreed with the proposal by the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office to host a donor’s conference in Brussels on 14 June 2006, with the participation of the JCC Co-Chairs.
- Donors Conference is being prepared.

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NAS – OSCE-led Initiative



- Building on experience
- Pooling funds from donors under an OSCE Mission project account
- Establishing a permanent OSCE Mission Sub-Office in Tskhinvali
- Regular meetings of the Steering Committee