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“Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through
energy co-operation, new technologies, good governance and connectivity
in the digital era”

CONCLUDING MEETING

Prague, 11-13 September 2019

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, 118 00 Prague

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wednesday, 11 September 2019

14:30 – 16:30 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

- **H. E. Mr. Tomáš Petříček**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák**, Chairperson-in Office, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovakia
- **H.E. Mr. Etjen Xhafaj**, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Albania
- **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General

Keynote speeches

- **Ambassador Richard L. Morningstar**, Founding Chairman of the Global Energy Center and Board Director at the Atlantic Council
- **Dr. Elena Rovenskaya**, Acting Deputy Director General and Acting Deputy CEO, Program Director of the Advanced Systems Analysis Program, Acting Program Director of the Evolution and Ecology Program, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Moderator: Ambassador Radomír Boháč, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE, 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Ms. Brigitte Krech, Economic and Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Statements by Delegations

16:30 – 17:00 **Coffee/Tea break**

17:00 – 18:30 **“The Way to Slovakia”**

Moderator and Introduction: Ambassador Radomír Boháč, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE, 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Ms. Danica Svilanović, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

19:00 **Reception hosted by the 2019 Slovak OSCE Chairmanship**
(Venue: Lindner Hotel Prague Castle, Strahovská 128, 118 00 Prague)

Thursday, 12 September 2019

09:30 – 11:00 **Session I: Strengthening good environmental governance and ensuring sustainable development**

Selected topics:

- Co-operation frameworks for promoting good environmental governance and sustainable development
- International co-operation on good environmental governance
- Promoting good governance in the field of disaster risk reduction
- Improving the implementation of OSCE environmental commitments

Speakers:

- **Ms. Nino Tandilashvili**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia
- **Mr. Milan Chrenko**, Director General, Section for Environmental Policies, EU and International Relations, Ministry of Environment, Slovakia

- **Ambassador Jean-Claude Brunet**, Ambassador-at-large on transitional criminal threats and the fight against the illicit trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), France
- **Dr. Marco Keiner**, Director, Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Ms. Ivana Vuchkova**, Member of the Core Group of Experts of the OSCE #Perspectives20-30, North Macedonia

Moderator: Ambassador Christine Fages, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Christian Melis, Environmental Governance Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee/Tea break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Session II: Catalyzing efforts to improve the environmental footprint in the OSCE region**

Selected topics:

- Supporting effective policies and approaches for improving the environmental footprint
- Sharing best practices and lessons learnt in the area of green growth
- Promoting public and private partnerships and synergies
- Sustainable transportation and smart city management

Speakers:

- **Mr. Alexey Kulapin**, Director, Department of State Energy Policy, Ministry of Energy, the Russian Federation
- **Ms. Aleksandra Vučinić**, Head, Group for Circular and Green Economy, Sector for Strategic Planning and Projects, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- **Mr. Erion Veliaj**, Mayor of Tirana, Albania
- **Mr. Ali Shahbazov**, Head of Overseas Offices, SOCAR, Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Mr. Farkhad Ibragimov**, CEO, Technology Park of Software and IT, Uzbekistan

Moderator: Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna, Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Dana Bogdan, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

Side Event - SMART CITIES: Sustainable Path Forward

14:30 – 16:00 **Session III: Strengthening dialogue for co-operation on energy security in the OSCE area**

Selected topics:

- Renewable energy and energy efficiency for a sustainable future
- Impact of technological innovation in the energy sector
- Opportunities and challenges in the energy transition
- Making smarter energy networks and protecting them in the digital era

Speakers:

- **Dr. Jochen Penker**, Director, Staff Department for International Energy Affairs, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria
- **Mr. Martin Pitorák**, Acting Director, Fuels and Energy Department, Ministry of Economy, Slovakia
- **Ms. Sunna Björg Reynisdóttir**, Project Manager, EFLA Consulting Engineers, Iceland
- **Mr. Tobias Wolny**, Senior Political Advisor, British Petroleum (BP)
- **Mr. Andrius Sutnikas**, Development Manager, Klaipėda Science and Technology Park, Lithuania
- **Mr. Duane R. Verner**, Manager, Resilience Assessment Group Decision and Infrastructure Sciences Division, Argonne National Laboratory, United States of America

Moderator: Ambassador Luca Fratini, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Giulia Manconi, Associate Energy Security Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee/Tea break**

16:30 – 18:00 **Session IV: The impact of digital transformation and new technologies on economies and societies in the OSCE region**

Selected topics:

- Governing the digital economy – empowering innovation while ensuring data protection and privacy
- Enhancing the social inclusion of the digital transformation

- Empowering citizens and businesses in harnessing the benefits of digital transformation
- Challenges of the digital transformation on the economy and society

Speakers:

- **Dr. Radoslav Repa**, Director General of the Section for Digital Agenda, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization, Slovakia
- **Mr. Ivan V. Danilin**, Head, Department of Science and Innovation, The Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, the Russian Federation
- **Ms. Anneka Shally**, Member of the Core Group of Experts of the OSCE #Perspectives20-30
- **Mr. J. Scott Marcus**, Senior Fellow, Bruegel (a European think tank), Belgium
- **Mr. Tobias Koch**, Business Engagement Manager, e-Estonia, Estonia

Moderator: Ambassador Alena Kupchyna, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the International Organizations in Vienna and to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Iris Pilika, Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

18:30 Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (Gardens of the Czernin Palace)

Friday, 13 September 2019

09:30 – 11:00 Session V: Good and transparent governance in the development of digital economies and societies

Selected topics:

- The future of data use in increasing transparency and accountability in public administration
- New technologies and innovative solutions for improving business climate and supporting economic growth
- Digitalization, new technologies and the fight against corruption: risks and opportunities
- Effective legislative and regulatory frameworks to enhance use of digital tools in the area of anti-corruption

Speakers:

- **Ms. Belinda Ikonomi**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy, Albania
- **Ms. Lejla Brčić**, Minister of Justice and Administration, Sarajevo Canton Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mr. Volodymyr Kondzolka**, Director of Drohobych City Institute, Ukraine
- **Mr. Alexander Subbotin**, Member of the Board, Minister in charge of Industry and Agriculture, Eurasian Economic Commission
- **Mr. Oleksiy Feshchenko**, AML Adviser, Global Programme against Money Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism (GPML) Cybercrime and Anti-Money Laundering Section, The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Moderator: Ambassador Ioannis Vrailas, Permanent Representative to the OSCE, Delegation of the European Union to the International Organisations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Mr. Kurban Babayev, Associate Anti-Corruption Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee/Tea break**

11:30 - 12:30 **Concluding Session**

- Wrap-up Discussion
- Presentation of the 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship's priorities in the Economic and Environmental Dimension

Closing Statements by Delegations

Concluding Remarks:

- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Igli Hasani**, Incoming 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship
- **Mr. Slavomír Kantor**, Deputy Head of Delegation, 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship

Moderator: Ambassador Róbert Kirnág, Director of the Department of Political and Security Affairs, Task Force, 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Gafgaz Adigozalov, Economic and Environmental Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities