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**“Responding to environmental challenges with a view to promoting cooperation and
security in the OSCE area”**

FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING

Vienna, 27 - 28 January 2014
OSCE Congress Centre, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 27 January 2014

09.30 – 11.00 **Opening Session** (*open to Press*)

Welcoming remarks

- **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, 2014 OSCE Swiss Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches

- **Dr. Debarati Guha-Sapir**, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) and Professor at the University of Louvain, School of Public Health, Belgium
- **Mr. Josef Hess**, Vice-Director of Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, Head of Forest and Hazard Prevention Divisions, Switzerland

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session I: Impact of Natural Disasters: Losses and Damages**

Selected topics:

- Human and social losses from natural and cascading disasters
- Economic losses, gap between economic and insured losses
- Effects of Disaster Risk Management on economic damage: Costs of poorly managed disasters vs. savings by prevention and preparedness

Moderator: Mr. Jan Kellett, Senior Research Advisor, Climate and Environment Programme, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Rapporteur: Mr. Srdjan Cetkovic, Senior Programme Assistant, OSCE Mission to Montenegro

Speakers:

- **Mr. Michael Thurman**, Practice Coordinator/Portfolio Manager a.i., Crisis Prevention and Recovery, ECIS, United Nations Development Programme, Regional Centre for Europe and CIS
- **Mr. Joaquin Toro**, Regional Coordinator for Disaster Risk Management– Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank
- **Mr. Thomas de Lannoy**, Policy Officer, DG Humanitarian Aid and civil protection, European Commission
- **Mr. Andreas Prystav**, Senior Client Manager Global Partnerships, Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd., Switzerland

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 **Buffet lunch hosted by the 2014 OSCE Swiss Chairmanship**

14.30 – 16.00 **Session II: Behind Natural Disasters - The human-environment interaction: Case studies 1**

Selected topics:

- Concrete examples of past disasters in the OSCE region
- Disasters as symptoms of human interaction with the physical environment
- Role of prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation

Moderator: Mr. Jan Dusik, Acting Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe, United Nations Environment Programme

Rapporteur: Ms. Heike Jantsch, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Prof. Ben Wisner**, Aon-Benfield University Hazard Research Center, University College London (UCL)
- **Mr. Leonid Dedul**, Head of the Department of the State system of prevention and liquidation of emergencies and civil protection, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Republic of Belarus
- **Ms. Paola Albrito**, Head of Europe Office, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- **Ms. Andrea James**, Regional Chief of Emergency, UNICEF CEECIS Regional Office, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 **Session III: Panel Debate – Improving environmental security:
How can we reduce natural disaster risks?**

Selected topics:

- Lessons learned from the past
- Role of Good Governance
- Managing vulnerabilities, sustainable management of natural resources

Moderator: Ms. Emily Hough, Editor, Crisis Response Journal, United Kingdom

Rapporteur: Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Talaibek Temiraliev**, State Secretary, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Republic of Kyrgyzstan
- **Ms. Radhika Murti**, Programme Coordinator, Ecosystem Management Programme, Disaster Risk Reduction, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- **Prof. Johann Goldammer**, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Centre, University of Freiburg, Germany
- **Mr. Marco Keiner**, Director Environment Division, UNECE

Discussion

18.15 **Cocktail hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

Tuesday, 28 January 2014

09.30 – 11.00 **Session IV: Co-operation in Natural Disaster Management and Prevention: Case studies 2**

Selected topics:

- Cases of national and transboundary disasters
- Co-ordination between States and between military and civilian actors
- Promoting partnerships at local, regional and international level

Moderator: Ms. Wendy Cue, Chief, Environmental Emergencies Section, Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Rapporteur: Ms. Alja Brinovec Jureša, Assistant Adviser, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Guenter Bretschneider**, Head, Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Co-ordination Centre (EADRCC), NATO
- **Ms. Milena Dobnik Jeraj**, Head of International Relations and EU Affairs Department, Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief, Republic of Slovenia
- **Ms. Ivana Ljubojević**, Head, Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South-Eastern Europe

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session IV cont.: Co-operation in Natural Disaster Management and Prevention: Case studies 3**

Selected topics:

- Cases of small-scale and cascading (NaTech) disasters. Impact on non-nuclear critical infrastructure
- Co-ordination between national and local response units
- Co-ordination between governmental and civil society actors

Moderator: Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Center (REC) and Chair of the Management Board of the Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative

Rapporteur: Ms. Dana Bogdan, Project Assistant, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Irma Gurguliani**, Head of the Natural and Technological Hazards Management Service, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia
- **Mr. Gökhan Özkan**, Expert, Disaster and Emergency Management Department, Turkey
- **Mr. Munkhuu Medraa**, Lieutenant Colonel, Head of the Emergency Management and Coordination Division, National Emergency Management Agency, Mongolia

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00 **Session V: Panel Debate – Role of civil society in disaster-risk management**

Selected topics:

- Community-based disaster risk management
- Role of civil society, including business community, and social networks in crisis mapping
- Role of Aarhus Centres in increasing awareness on multi-hazard risks in the OSCE region

Moderator: Mr. Marcus C. Oxley, Executive Director of Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR), United Kingdom

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

Speakers:

- **Dr. Vladimir Sakharov**, Director, Environmental Emergency Preparedness, Green Cross International
- **Ms. Lianna Asoyan**, Project Manager, Gavar Aarhus Centre, Armenia
- **Ms. Natasa Manojlovic**, Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH), Germany
- **Mr. Andre Krummacher**, Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), South/South-East Asia Regional Director, France

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.00 **Concluding Session: The OSCE's Role in Follow-up to the Forum**

Concluding debate

- Wrap-up of the discussions, lessons learned and identifying priority areas for future discussion and increased co-operation.
- Outlook to the 2nd Preparatory Meeting in Switzerland

Moderator: Ms. Desiree Schweitzer, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head, Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Matthias Matuschek, Assistant, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Andrey Kelin**, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OSCE
- **Ambassador Daniel Baer**, Permanent Representative of the United States to the OSCE
- **Ambassador Thierry Béchet**, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the OSCE

Closing Statements

- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, 2014 OSCE Swiss Chairmanship