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“Greening the economy and building partnerships”**

FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING

“Good Governance, Business Partnerships and Economic Participation”

Vienna, 23-24 January 2017
OSCE Congress Centre, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 23 January 2017

09:30 - 11:00 **Opening Session** *Neuer Saal, 2nd floor*

Welcoming remarks:

- **Ambassador Michael Linhart**, Secretary General of the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria
- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches:

- **Dr. Hans Jörg Schelling**, Federal Minister of Finance, Austria
- **Ms. Tatiana Valovaya**, Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission

Moderator: Ambassador Clemens Koja, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Ms. Sophie Surinder, Adviser, Economic and Environmental Dimension, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

11:30 - 13:00 **Session I: Good Governance and Corruption Prevention**
Neuer Saal, 2nd floor

Selected topics:

- Good governance and its impact on business integrity
- Corruption prevention policies
- Improvement of business and investment climate

Moderator: Ambassador Olga Algayerová, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the International Organizations in Vienna

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

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Bernd Borchardt**, Head of OSCE Presence in Albania
- **Mr. Aliaksandr Lashyn**, Deputy Prosecutor General, Republic of Belarus
- **Mr. Martin Kreutner**, Dean, International Anti-Corruption Academy, Austria
- **Prof. Ermelinda Meksi**, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head, Economic Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ms. Kari Aina Eik**, Secretary General, Organization for International Economic Relations, Austria

Discussion

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch hosted by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

14:30 - 16:00 **Session II: Building Economic Partnerships in the OSCE area**
Neuer Saal, 2nd floor

Selected topics:

- Connectivity after Hamburg – the way forward
- Rebuilding economic partnerships in conflict regions
- Improving economic relations in the OSCE area

Moderator: Ambassador Véronique Roger-Lacan, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Zukhra Bektepova, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Thomas Lenk**, Head of OSCE and Council of Europe Division, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
- **Dr. Anastasia Stepanova**, Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
- **Mr. Petros Sourmelis**, Head of Unit, Directorate E, Unit E2, Russia, CIS, Ukraine, Western Balkans, EFTA, EEA and Turkey, DG Trade, European Commission
- **Ambassador Martin Sajdik**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group on the implementation of the peace plan in the East of Ukraine
- **Mr. Mykhailo Nepran**, First Vice-President, Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ukraine
- **Dr. Hannes Swoboda**, President, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Austria

Discussion

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee/Tea Break

16:30 -18:00 **Session III: Economic Participation for Strengthening Security**
Neuer Saal, 2nd floor

Selected Topics:

- Job and business creation
- Women in entrepreneurship
- Prevention of radicalisation

Moderator: Ambassador M. Victoria González Román, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Teresa Albano, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Dr. Erhard Busek**, Chairman, Institute for the Danube region and Middle Europe; Former Vice Chancellor of Austria and Former Coordinator, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative
- **Dr. Johannes Kopf**, Member of the Executive Board, AMS-Public Employment Service, Austria
- **Ms. Munkhtuya Altangerel**, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Kazakhstan

- **Ms. Rasa Ostrauskaite**, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE
- **Ms. Maria Baumgartner**, Founder of SpeedInvest, Austria
- **Ms. Zeljka Sulc**, National Spokesperson, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Discussion

18:30 Reception at Alois-Mock-Saal at the Austrian Foreign Ministry, hosted by **Ambassador Clemens Koja**, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

9:00 - 10:00 **Opening Session** *Neuer Saal, 2nd floor*

Keynote speech:

- **Mr. Hans-Georg Kramer**, Director General, Tax and Customs Administration, Tariffs and Fight Against Fraud, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Stadler, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of Mission for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, 2017 Austrian OSCE Chairmanship

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

Speakers:

- **Mr. Marat Beisenov**, Director Customs Control Department, State Revenue Committee, Kazakhstan
- **Ms. Sara Srdic**, Head of Department, Ministry of Finance, Customs Administration, Serbia
- **Mr. Ahmad Reshad Popal**, Director General Customs Administration, Afghanistan
- **Ms. Bettina Vogl-Lang**, Vice-Chair of World Customs Organisations, Europe Chapter and Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

The parallel Working Groups will take place in Neuer Saal/2nd floor, Ratsaal and Hall 533/5th floor.

10:00 - 11:30 **Working Group I: Good Governance and Corruption Prevention**
Neuer Saal/2nd floor

Moderator: Ambassador Olga Algayerová, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the International Organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Mr. Uroš Milanović, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE

Facilitators:

- **Prof. Ermelinda Meksi**, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head, Economic Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

- **Mr. Andreas Wieselthaler**, Director, Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria
- **Mrs. Laura Sherman**, Anti-Corruption Adviser, Rule of Law & Human Rights- Economic Crime & Anti-corruption, OSCE Mission to Serbia
- **Ms. Tatjana Bojanic**, Acting Director, Serbian Institute of Standardization, Serbia

Working Group II: Building Economic Partnerships in the OSCE
area Ratsaal/5th floor

Moderator: Ambassador Véronique Roger-Lacan, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Claire Nantier, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE

Facilitators:

- **Ms. Bettina Vogl-Lang**, Vice-Chair of World Customs Organisation, Europe Chapter and Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
- **Ms. Natalia Mirimanova**, International Alert, Humanitarian Dialogue, Belgium
- **Mr. Marat Beisenov**, Director Customs Control Department, State Revenue Committee, Kazakhstan
- **Ms. Sara Srdic**, Head of Department, Ministry of Finance, Customs Administration, Serbia

Working Group III: Economic Participation for Strengthening
Security Hall 533/5th floor

Moderator: Ambassador M. Victoria González Román, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Luis Manuel Cuesta, Deputy Permanent Representative for Politico-military Issues, Permanent Mission of Spain to the OSCE

Facilitators:

- **Ms. Kari Aina Eik**, Secretary General, Organization for International Economic Relations, Austria
- **Ms. Jana Zabunov**, NGO „Women’s Entrepreneurship Academy“, Serbia
- **Ms. Hedda Femundsenden**, Gender Coordinator, UNIDO
- **Mr. Rati Japaridze**, Economic and Environmental Activities, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Programme Office in Astana
- **Ms. Zeljka Sulc**, National Spokesperson, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee/Tea Break

12:00 - 13:00 **Working Group I: Good Governance and Corruption Prevention**
(Continued) Neuer Saal/2nd floor

Working Group II: Building Economic Partnerships in the OSCE area (Continued) Ratsaal/5th floor

Working Group III: Economic Participation for Strengthening Security (Continued) Hall 533/5th floor

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch hosted by the 2017 Austrian OSCE Chairmanship

14:30 - 16:00 **Concluding Plenary Session** Neuer Saal, 2nd floor

Selected Topics:

- Presentation by Moderators of the three Working Groups: lessons learned and priority areas for future discussion and increased co-operation
- Outlook to the work plan of the Economic and Environmental Committee

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Stadler, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of Mission for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, 2017 Austrian OSCE Chairmanship

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

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Olga Algayerová**, Moderator of Working Group I
- **Ambassador Véronique Roger-Lacan**, Moderator of Working Group II
- **Ambassador M. Victoria González Román**, Moderator of Working Group III
- **Ambassador Kairat Sarybay**, Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Florian Raunig**, Head of the Task Force for the 2017 Austrian OSCE Chairmanship

Closing Statements