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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
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 Coordination 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