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The 15th Meeting of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

“Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area: land degradation, soil contamination and water management”

Part 2 / Prague, 21 – 23 May 2007

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, 118 00 Prague 1, Plenary Hall

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 21 May 2007

14.30 – 15.00 **Opening Session** (open to the press)

- Welcoming remarks by **H. E. Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, host country
- Introductory remarks by **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, OSCE Secretary General and **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Opening address by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, **H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain

15.00 – 17.00 **Introductory Plenary Session** (Keynote speeches open to the press)

Moderator: **H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé**, OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain

Rapporteur: **Mr. Philip Reuchlin**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OSCE/OCEEA

Keynote addresses by:

- **H. E. Ms. Cristina Narbona Ruiz**, Minister of Environment of Spain
- **H. E. Mr. Janez Podobnik**, Minister of Environment of Slovenia
- **H.E. Mr. Masaid Hamidov**, Minister of Water Resources and Land Reclamation of the Republic of Tajikistan
- **Mr. Kaj Barlund**, Director, Environment and Human Settlements Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, former Minister of Environment of Finland, speaking on behalf of Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary of the UNECE

Discussion

17.00 – 17.30 Coffee break

17.30 – 19.00	<i>Special Event - Launching of ENVSEC Assessment Report for Eastern Europe (see Annex 1)</i>
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19.0 **Reception hosted by the Spanish Chairmanship**
(Venue: Gardens of the Czernin Palace)

Award of the photo competition

Tuesday, 22 May 2007

09.00 – 10.30 **Review Session: Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments**

Moderator: Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado y de la Válgoma, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Raul Daussa, Programme Officer, OCEEA/OSCE

Speaker:

- **Mr. Kaj Barlund**, Director, Environment and Human Settlements Division, UNECE: *Presentation of the UNECE Report on the implementation of OSCE commitments in the environmental sector*
- Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Plenary Session I: Environmental Security and Sustainable Development in the OSCE area**

Moderator: Mr. Tom Spencer, Vice Chairman, the Institute for Environmental Security, The Hague, former President of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights and Defence Policy

Rapporteur: Mr. Andrew Price, United Kingdom Delegation to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Dr. Jacqueline McGlade**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency (EEA)
- **Dr. Erhard Busek**, Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and of SECI
- **Dr. Corrado Clini**, Director General, Department for Environmental Research and Development, Ministry of Environment and Protection of Land and Sea, Italy
- **Mr. Justin Mundy**, Senior Adviser to the UK Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change
- Discussion

Selected topics: Discussion on various concepts of environmental security, including climate security; environmental management in the OSCE area; possible discussion of components of the potential OSCE Environmental Security Strategy.

12.30 – 13.30	<i><u>Special Event</u> – Review of environmental challenges in the Caspian Basin and possible follow-up (see Annex 2)</i>
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13.30 – 14.30	<i><u>Special Event</u> - New international political and financing perspectives: Transboundary water management as a regional public good and Benefit Sharing beyond the river (see Annex 3)</i>
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12.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30 **Plenary Session II: Water – transboundary co-operation**

Moderator: **Mr. Jaime Alejandro**, General Director of Environmental Quality and Evaluation, Ministry of Environment, Spain

Rapporteur: **Ms. Jeannette Kloetzer**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Yerevan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jean-Paul Rivaud**, Head of International and European Unit, Water Directorate, Ecology and Sustainable Development Department, France
- **Mr. Victor A. Dukhovny**, Professor, Director, Scientific Information Center of the Central Asian Interstate Co-ordination Water Commission (SIC ICWC)
- **Mr. José Rocha Afonso**, Vice-President of the Portuguese Water Institute

- Discussion

Selected topics: lessons from existing co-operation mechanisms; possible new initiatives for enhanced co-operation in Central Asia;

15.30 – 16.30 **Plenary Session III: Good governance in managing natural resources**

Moderator: **Ambassador Arsim Zekoli**, Permanent Representative of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the OSCE, Chairman of the Economic and Environmental Committee of the Permanent Council

Rapporteur: **Ms. Shelly Han**, Senior Adviser, Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe, USA

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jan Heino**, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO
- **Mr. Jürg Gerber**, Vice-President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

- Discussion

Selected topics: possible drafting of handbook on good practices in water/forest/land management; design of capacity building technical assistance projects.

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.00 **Plenary Session IV: Challenges to the management of water resources and to countering desertification in the Mediterranean region**

Moderator: Ambassador Antti Turunen, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE, Chairman of the Mediterranean Contact Group

Rapporteur: Mr. Curtis Peters, Delegation of Canada to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. José Luis Herranz Saez**, General Director for Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Spain
- **Mr. Shimon Tal**, founder and CEO of "Tal Content – Consulting & Enterprise Ltd", former Water Commissioner of Israel
- **Ms. Rania Abdel Khaleq**, Director, Water Demand Management Unit, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- **Dr. Abdelkader Touzi**, Director, Research on Renewable Energy Unit, Ministry of High Education and Scientific Research, Algeria

- Discussion

18.00 – 19.00	<i>Special Event</i> – <i>Review of environmental issues in Central Asia and possible follow-up (see Annex 4)</i>
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19.30 **Reception hosted by the CoEEA on the Boat Vyšehrad,**
Landing place: Rašínovo quay (between Palackeho and Jirashkiw bridges)
19:10: Departure of busses in front of the Czernin Palace

Wednesday, 23 May 2007

09.00 – 10.00 **Plenary Session V: Land degradation and soil contamination**

Moderator: **Dr. Deniz Yüksel-Beten**, Head of Threats and Challenges Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO

Rapporteur: **Ms. Anne Suotula**, Senior Economic and Environmental Officer, Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator Office in Uzbekistan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Grégoire de Kalbermatten**, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- **Mr. Robert Raschman**, Managing Director, Dekonta Company, Czech Republic

- Discussion

Selected topics: Short overviews of results of existing land and soil related projects (e.g. melange, CACILM etc); discuss prospects for a regional workshop and centre for monitoring desertification in Central Asia (also involving Afghanistan, Mongolia) and other follow-up activities.

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 12.30 **Closing Debate – The role of the OSCE in follow-up to the 15th Economic and Environmental Forum**

Moderator: **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Ms. Araceli Jiménez-Segura**, Liaison Officer, OCEEA/OSCE

- Presentation on the role of the OSCE in follow-up to the 15th Economic and Environmental Forum

- Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.00 **Closing Session** (open to the press)

- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador at Large for Climate Change, Cristina Barrios y Almazor**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain, OSCE Chairmanship.

Launch of the Environment and Security Assessment Report for Eastern Europe

21 May 2007, 17:30

Plenary Hall, Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, Prague

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

17:30 - 17:40	Highlights and key findings	Mr. Ben Slay, Director of UNDP's Regional Centre in Bratislava, Chairman of the ENVSEC Initiative (moderator)
17:40 - 17:50	Countries' perspectives and priorities	Mr. Aleksandr Savastienko, Head of Department, BelNitz Ecology Research Center, Belarus
17:50 - 18:00		Mr. Constantin Mihailescu, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Republic of Moldova
18:00 - 18:10		Mr. Mykola Babych, Deputy Head of State Water Management Committee, Ukraine
18:10 - 18:30	Water for life: broader participation and transparency in the Dniester basin cooperation	Representatives of state water authorities of Moldova and Ukraine. Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Environmental Adviser, UNECE
18:30 - 19:00	What has the coming day in store? Round-table on plans, ideas and support for the future	All participants. Mr. Nickolai Denisov, ENVSEC Regional Desk for Eastern Europe, UNEP (moderator)

Rapporteur: Mr. Raul Daussa, Programme Officer, OCEEA/OSCE

Special Event – Review of Environmental Challenges of the Caspian Basin and possible follow-up

22 May 2007, 12:30

Plenary Hall, Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, Prague

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Smith, Senior Environmental Advisor, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 Rapporteur: Mr. David Swalley, Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer, OCEEA/OSCE

12:30 - 13.00	Countries' perspectives and priorities	Mr. Ramiz Rzayev, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan
		Mr. Alzhan Braliev, Vice Minister of Environment Protection of Kazakhstan
		Mr. Dmitri O. Kolosov, Head of Legal Assistance Department, Federal Supervisory Natural Resources Management Service of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation
		Mr. Mukhammet Nepesov, Head, Laboratory for the Monitoring of Desertification, Ministry of Nature Protection, Turkmenistan
13.00 – 13.10	Presentation of ENVSEC East Caspian Assessment	Mr. Nickolai Denisov, ENVSEC Regional Desk for Eastern Europe, UNEP
13:10 - 13:30	Discussion on plans, ideas and support for the future	

“New international political and financing perspectives: Transboundary water management as a regional public good and Benefit Sharing beyond the river”

22 May, 2007, 13.30

Gallery Hall, Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, Prague

LUNCH SANDWICHES AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Conveners: Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Expert Group on Development Issues (EGDI), Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Swedish Water House (SWH)

Chair: Mrs. Anne Due, Deputy Head of Delegation, Permanent Delegation of Sweden to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Petra Polgar, Environmental Assistant, OCEEA/OSCE

13.30 Introduction by Mrs Anne Due, Deputy Head of Delegation, The Permanent Delegation of Sweden to the OSCE

13.40 Presentation by Dr. Anders Jägerskog, SIWI, on “Transboundary Water Management as a global public good – financing transboundary water co-operation”

13.55 Presentation by Dr. Marwa Daoudy, Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales, Switzerland and CERI (Centre for International Studies and Research, Science Po, CNRS, Paris, on “Benefit Sharing in Transboundary river basins – what’s feasible and what’s not?”

14.10 Commentator: Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

14.20 Questions from the floor, summing up of Chair

Special Event – Review of Environmental Issues in Central Asia and possible follow-up

22 May 2007, 18:00

Plenary Hall, Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, Prague

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Moderator: Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Ms. Saba Nordstrom, Environmental Adviser, OCEEA/OSCE

18.00 – 18.10	Introduction	Mr. Mikhail Outkine, Programme Officer for Central Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, UNCCD
		Mr. Usman K. Buranov, Leader, Agency of International Fund to Save the Aral Sea for the implementation of the Aral Sea Basin and GEF
18:10 - 18:40	Countries' perspectives and priorities	Mr. Masaid Hamidov, Minister of Water Resources and Land Reclamation of Tajikistan
		Mr. Alzhan Braliev, Vice Minister of Environment Protection of Kazakhstan
		Mr. Baratali Koshmatov, General Director, Department of Water Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic
		Mr. Bektemir Ibragimov, Deputy Head of National Water Inspection, Ministry for Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan
		Mr Akmammot Ovezov, Head, Department of Exploitation, Ministry of Water Resources of Turkmenistan
18:40 - 19:00	Discussion on plans, ideas and support for the future	