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“Maritime and inland waterways co-operation in the OSCE area: Increasing
security and protecting the environment”

Helsinki, 10-11 September 2007

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 10 September 2007

09.00 - 09.30 **Opening Plenary Session** (open to Press)

Moderator: Ambassador Aleksi Härkönen, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, incoming OSCE Chairmanship for 2008

Introductory remarks by:

- **Dr. Teija Tiilikainen**, State Secretary (Political), Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland, incoming OSCE Chairmanship for 2008
- **Ambassador José Angel López Jorrín**, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain, OSCE Chairmanship
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

09.30 – 11.00 **Session I - International framework of maritime and inland
waterways co-operation**

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OSCE/OCEEA

Speakers:

- **Mr. Andy Winbow**, Director of Administration, International Maritime Organization (IMO) - *security and environmental protection in the international maritime context*
- **Mr. Jaromir Cekota**, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, UNECE – *the UNECE framework for inland waterways co-operation*

Illustrative questions that could be addressed during the discussion:

- *How can the OSCE best benefit from and lend its support to the international framework in order to increase security and protect the environment?*
- *How can the OSCE lend its support to IMO conventions?*
- *How could the co-operation between the UNECE and the OSCE be further developed in the area of inland waterways?*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session II - Maritime and inland waterways co-operation: the Northern European experience: current status and the way ahead**

Moderator: Mr. Martti Poutanen, Deputy Director of Bilateral and Regional Co-operation, Ministry of Environment, Finland

Rapporteur: Mr. Torbjorn Bjornvatn, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Baku

Speakers:

- **Ms. Monika Stankiewicz**, Professional Secretary, Maritime&Response, Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (the Helsinki Commission – HELCOM) – *HELCOM and inter-regional co-operation*
- **Mr. Rustem Khamitov**, Head, Russian Federal Agency of Water Resources – *current situation and perspectives in the development of the international co-operation in the area of maritime and inland waterways in the Russian Federation*
- **Mr. János Herman**, Principal Adviser, DG Relex, European Commission

Illustrative questions that could be addressed during the discussion:

- *How can the existing co-operation mechanisms in Northern Europe be fully used?*
- *What are the lessons learned and what are the challenges in the future?*
- *Could North European experiences be utilized in other OSCE regions?*

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30 **Session III – Transport security and co-operation issues**

Moderator: Mr. Marc Baltes, Senior Adviser, OSCE/OCEEA

Rapporteur: Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OSCE/OCEEA

Speakers:

- **Captain Paavo Wihuri**, Director of Maritime Safety and Security, Finnish Maritime Administration
- **Mr. Harry Liiv**, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Estonia
- **Ms. Eva Descamps**, Agency for Maritime Services, Shipping Assistance Division, Flemish Government, Belgium - *Vessel Traffic Services on the river Scheldt. The common nautical management between Flanders and the Netherlands*

Illustrative questions that could be addressed during the discussion:

- *What are the main obstacles to transport security?*
- *What is the role of exchange of information, monitoring, joint traffic management etc. for transport security?*
- *What can be done to further improve the co-operation between different actors?*
- *Can improved transport security contribute to sustainable environmental policies?*

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30 **Session IV – Protecting the environment and enhancing co-operation**

Moderator: Ms. Anne-Beth Skrede, Marine Conservation Officer, WWF

Rapporteur: Mr. David Swalley, Economic/Environmental Affairs Officer, OSCE/OCEEA

Speakers:

- **Ms. Kirsten Ullbæk Selvig**, Director General, Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Norway
- **Dr. Stephan Gollasch**, GoConsult Germany - *impact of ballast water on the environment*
- **Ms. Violeta Velikova, PhD**, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (the Black Sea Commission - BSC) - *protecting the environment and enhancing cooperation in the Black Sea region*

Illustrative questions that could be addressed during the discussion:

- *What are the main challenges to the environment resulting from maritime and inland waterway transportation?*
- *What can be done to prevent accidents and be better prepared for emergencies?*

19.00 Reception hosted by Dr. Pekka Sauri, Mayor for Public Works and Environmental Affairs, City of Helsinki, Address: Old Town Hall, Aleksanterinkatu 20

Tuesday, 11 September 2007

09.00 – 10.30 **Session V - Maritime co-operation: the Black Sea experience: current status and the way ahead**

Moderator: Mr. Alexey Stukalo, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Yaroslav Yurtsaba, SME Development Advisor, Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Captain Serban Berescu**, Director, Naval Operations Department, Romanian Naval Authority
- **Mr. Basat Öztürk**, Deputy Director General for Maritime and Aviation Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey
- **Mr. Viktor Bezdolnyy**, Director of the State Enterprise "Delta-Lotsman", Ministry of the Transport and Communications, Ukraine – *navigation security system of Ukraine in the Azov and Black Sea basin*

Illustrative questions that could be addressed during the discussion:

- *How can the existing co-operation mechanisms in the Black Sea be fully used?*
- *What are the lessons learned and what are the challenges in the future?*
- *Could Black Sea experiences be shared with other OSCE regions?*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Session VI – Co-operation in transboundary water courses and rivers**

Moderator: Ambassador Milovan Bozinovic, President, the Danube Commission

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

Speakers:

- **Mr. Aliaksandr Stankevich**, Deputy Director, Central Research Institute for Complex Use of Water Resources, Belarus - *participation of the Republic of Belarus in international projects of transboundary water flows*
- **Mr. Bo Libert**, Regional Environmental Adviser, UNECE – *the Dniester project*
- **Ms. Inkar Kadyrzhanova**, Head of Environment and Sustainable Development Unit, UNDP Kazakhstan, and Regional Desk Officer, Environment and Security Initiative - Central Asia - *ENVSEC-Amu-Darya assessment project*

Illustrative questions that could be addressed during the discussion:

- *What are the particular challenges in the co-operation in transboundary water courses and rivers?*
- *How could co-operation be strengthened to face new climatic challenges?*

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 **Session VII - The need for co-operation between different actors (Government agencies, private sector, International financial institutions, NGOs etc.)**

Moderator: Mr. Alistair Clark, Corporate Director of the Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD

Rapporteur: Ms. Nina Lindroos-Kopolo, Associate Programme Officer, Economic Governance Unit, OSCE/OCEEA

Speakers:

- **Mr. Alistair Clark**, Corporate Director of the Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- **Mr. Erkki Kotiranta**, Vice President, Shipping, Neste Oil
- **Ms. Anne-Beth Skrede**, Marine Conservation Officer, WWF

Illustrative questions that could be addressed during the discussion:

- *How can cooperation between different actors be improved?*
- *What could be the role of private sector enterprises in developing norms and practices?*
- *How could the experience of different NGO's be included in policy formulation?*

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 **Closing debate: the role of the OSCE**

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Marja Kuosmanen, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Finland to the OSCE

Concluding remarks by:

- **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Mr. William Hanlon**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Mission to Georgia
- **Ambassador Antti Turunen**, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE

Illustrative questions that could be addressed during the discussion:

- *How relevant is the OSCE experience in cooperation and security to maritime and inland waterway transportation questions?*
- *How do the increasing challenges facing the environment affect the comprehensive security agenda of the OSCE (past and future)?*