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“Transportation in the OSCE area: Secure transportation networks and transport development to enhance regional economic co-operation and stability”

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 23 January 2006

09.00 – 09.20 **Opening session**

Welcoming remarks by:

- **Senator Pierre Chevalier**, Chairperson of the Economic Forum, Special Envoy of the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs for the OSCE Chairmanship
- **Mr. Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, Secretary General of the OSCE

09.20 – 10.30 **Plenary Session I - The role of transport in fostering economic integration at the pan-European level as well as between Europe and Asia**

Moderator: Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrughe, Head of the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Alexander Veerbek, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE

Keynote addresses by:

- **Mr. Johannes Linn**, Executive Director, The Wolfensohn Initiative, The Brookings Institution, former Vice President of the World Bank: *The new impetus towards economic integration between Europe and Asia*
- **Mr. José Capel Ferrer**, Director, Transport Division, UNECE: *UN work on transport corridors and conventions*
- **Mr. Edgar Thielmann**, Head of Division, DG TREN, European Commission: *The final report of the High Level Group (de Palacio Group) on the extension of the major trans-European transport axes to the neighbouring countries and regions, with particular reference to the CIS countries and to the security dimension*

Discussion

- 10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Plenary Session I – Continuation of the discussion**
- 12.30 – 14.30 *Lunch break*
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Plenary Session II – Obstacles and challenges to transport development - the OSCE's role**
(a) The co-ordination and governance challenges

Moderator: **Ambassador Yves Doutriaux**, Head of the Permanent Mission of France to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Ms. Blažka Kepic**, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the OSCE

Keynote addresses by:

- **Mr. Daniel Kaufmann**, Director, Global Programmes, The World Bank Institute: *How to combat corruption and enhance governance in the transport sector*
- **Mr. Jack Short**, Secretary General, European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT): *How the ECMT helps the Ministers of Transport to address new challenges at the Pan-European level and how the OSCE could play a complementary role*

Discussion

- 16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*
- 16.30 – 18.00 **Plenary Session II – Obstacles and challenges to transport development - the OSCE's role**
(b) The financing and environmental sustainability challenges and the special problems of landlocked countries

Moderator: **Mr. Johannes Linn**, Executive Director, The Wolfensohn Initiative, The Brookings Institution, former Vice President of the World Bank

Rapporteur: **Ms. Karla Basselier**, OSCE Chairmanship Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium/OSCE Chairmanship

Keynote addresses by:

- **Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury**, UN Under-Secretary General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States: *The Almaty Declaration and the Almaty Programme of Action - how regional co-operation can reduce the cost disadvantage of being land-locked and contribute to stability*
- **Mr. Riccardo Puliti**, Director, Transport Department, EBRD: *Under what conditions can Public-Private Partnerships alleviate the funding constraint on transportation investments in the OSCE area*

- **Mr. Kanat Baigarin**, Head of the Co-ordination Centre on Climate Change, Kazakhstan: *How can the needs for transport development and environmental sustainability be reconciled*

Discussion

18.30 Reception hosted by the Belgian Chairmanship of the OSCE – Palais Pallavicini (1. Bezirk, Josefsplatz 5)

Tuesday, 24 January 2006

09.00 – 10.30 **Panel Discussion I – Regional perspective: South-Eastern Europe (SEE) - How the Stability Pact has become a catalyst for regional co-operation in transport, and the lessons for the OSCE**

Moderator: Ambassador Christian D. Falkowski, Head of Delegation of the European Commission to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Helen Santiago Fink, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OCEEA

Introductory statements by:

- **Mr. Laurent Guye**, Director, Working Table II, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe: *The Stability Pact as a platform for the co-ordination of the activities of international institutions in the transport sector and as a catalyst for the negotiation among the Western Balkans countries of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Core Transport Network for the Western Balkans signed in June 2004*
- **Mr. Izet Bajrambasic**, Assistant Minister of Communications and Transport, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chair of the Steering Committee for Transport Co-operation in the Western Balkans: *The co-ordination of transport investments in the Western Balkans*
- **Dr. Ing. Aldo Fumagalli Romario**, Chairman and Managing Director, “Sol”, Italy, former Deputy Chairman of Confindustria, Chairman of the South Eastern Europe Business Advisory Council: *the point of view of the private sector.*

Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.30 **Panel Discussion II – Regional perspective: Central Asia and Euro-Asian transport links - How can political dialogue on transport issues and concrete projects in the transport sector under OSCE auspices contribute to regional co-operation and security**

Moderator: Mr. Boris Frlec, Head of OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

Rapporteur: Ms Dominique Mineur, Permanent Mission of Belgium/OSCE Chairmanship to the OSCE

Introductory statements by:

- **Mr. Sergey Sologybov**, Adviser to Secretary General of the Eurasian Economic Community (EURASEC)
- **Mr. Paul Guitink**, Senior Transport Specialist, The World Bank: *The World Bank sponsored “Trade and Transport Facilitation Programme in Central Asia” and the World Bank report on liberalisation of the aviation sector in Central Asia*

Discussion

12.30 – 14.30 *Lunch break*

14.30 – 16.00 **Panel Discussion III - OSCE political dialogue and unresolved transport issues in the South Caucasus region and in Eastern Europe**

Moderator: Mr. José Capel Ferrer, Director, Transport Division, UNECE

Rapporteur: Mr. Luis Francisco Martinez Montes, Permanent Mission of Spain to the OSCE

Introductory statements by:

- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, CoEEA: *‘issues paper’ on conflict and transport in South Caucasus*
- **Mr. William Hanlon**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Mission in Georgia: *Reports on needs assessment studies underway in regions affected by conflicts*

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.00 **Closing session - The OSCE role in transport development, enhancing regional economic co-operation and stability - the way ahead**

- **Closing remarks by Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Concluding remarks of the Chairperson of the Economic Forum**

Discussion