



Chairmanship: Spain

**PART I OF THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

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

Opening Session (open to the press until 11 a.m.)

1. Date: Monday, 22 January 2007

Opened: 9.40 a.m.
Suspended: 11.10 a.m.
Resumed: 11.45 a.m.
Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma (Spain) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

Agenda item 1: *Welcoming remarks*
 - (a) Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE (EF.DEL/11/07)
 - (b) Mr. M. Perrin de Brichambaut, Secretary General of the OSCE
 - (c) Mr. B. Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (CoEEA) (EF.GAL/5/07)

Agenda item 2: *Global efforts to combat land degradation and soil contamination and the OSCE role*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*

- Mr. M. Belka, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (EF.IO/6/07)
- Mr. G. de Kalbermatten, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (EF.IO/2/07)
- Ms. J. McGlade, European Environment Agency (EEA) (EF.IO/4/07)

(b) *Discussion:* Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova in alignment) (EF.DEL/5/07), Russian Federation, Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), OSCE Mission to Serbia, United States of America, Moderator, Canada (EF.DEL/7/07), Armenia, International Health and Ecology Organization ECOSAN (Uzbekistan) (EF.NGO/1/07), Kyrgyzstan, Turkey (EF.DEL/6/07), Ms. J. McGlade (keynote speaker), Mr. G. de Kalbermatten (keynote speaker), Mr. M. Belka (keynote speaker), CoEEA, Israel (Partner for Co-operation), Kazakhstan

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 22 January 2007 at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal

Session I

1. Date: Monday, 22 January 2007

Opened: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. D. Yüksel-Beten (NATO) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

Agenda item 3: *Environmental security and the specific challenges of land degradation and soil contamination*

(a) *Keynote addresses*:

— Mr. C. King, US Army Command and General Staff College (EF.DEL/1/07)

— Ms. C. Olazábal, European Commission

— Mr. F. Schlingemann, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

(b) *Discussion*: Armenia, Mr. C. King (keynote speaker), Ms. C. Olazábal (keynote speaker), Mr. F. Schlingemann (keynote speaker), European Environment Agency, International Health and Ecology Organization ECOSAN (Uzbekistan), Azerbaijan, United States of America, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 22 January 2007, at 4.45 p.m., in the Neuer Saal

Session II

1. Date: Monday, 22 January 2007

Opened: 5 p.m.
Closed: 6.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. D. Kuanyshev (Kazakhstan) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

Agenda item 4: *Environmental governance, in particular as it affects land degradation and soil contamination*

(a) *Keynote addresses*:

— Mr. J. Wates, Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (EF.IO/5/07)

— Mr. F. von Bismarck, Governmental Steering and Budgeting Committee for the Rehabilitation of East-German Lignite Mines (EF.DEL/3/07)

— Mr. S. Alvarez, Ministry of Environment of Spain (EF.DEL/4/07)

(b) *Discussion*: Tajikistan (EF.DEL/2/07), International Health and Ecology Organization ECOSAN (Uzbekistan), Uzbekistan, United States of America, Kyrgyzstan (EF.DEL/9/07) (EF.DEL/9/07Add.1), Mr. J. Wates (keynote speaker), Mr. F. von Bismarck (keynote speaker), Mr. S. Alvarez (keynote speaker), Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 23 January 2007, at 9.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

Session III

1. Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2007

Opened: 9.10 a.m.
Closed: 11 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. T. Feroukhi (Algeria) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

Agenda item 5: *Social effects of land degradation and soil contamination*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Mr. F. Renaud, United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (EF.IO/1/07)
 - Mr. F. Schmidt, International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change
 - Ms. A. Platonova, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (EF.GAL/4/07)
(b) *Discussion:* Moderator, International Organization for Migration, International Health and Ecology Organization ECOSAN (Uzbekistan), Mr. F. Renaud (keynote speaker), Mr. F. Schmidt (keynote speaker), Turkey, Ms. A. Platonova (keynote speaker), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 23 January 2007, at 11.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

Session IV

1. Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2007

Opened: 11.40 a.m.
Closed: 1.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Falkowski (European Commission) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

Agenda item 6: *Environmental security and sustainable economic development*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*

— Mr. J. Rubio, University of Valencia, Spain

— Mr. O. Mitvol, Federal Service for the Oversight of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation

— Mr. A. Clark, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

(b) *Discussion:* Moderator, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (EF.IO/7/07), Belarus (EF.DEL/13/07), Croatia (EF.DEL/10/07/Corr.1), Interstate Coordination Water Commission of Central Asia, Kazakhstan, International Health and Ecology Organization ECOSAN (Uzbekistan), Kyrgyzstan, United States of America, Mr. J. Rubio (keynote speaker), Mr. O. Mitvol (keynote speaker), Mr. A. Clark (keynote speaker), Azerbaijan

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 23 January 2007, at 2.45 p.m., in the Neuer Saal

Panel Discussion

1. Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2007

Opened: 2.50 p.m.
Closed: 4.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. M. Baltes (Office of the CoEEA) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

Agenda item 7: *The role of the OSCE in follow-up to the Forum*

(a) *Panellists:*
 - Mr. B. Libert, UNECE
 - Mr. A. Bieber, Federal Ministry for the Environment of Germany (EF.DEL/15/07)
 - Ms. D. Yüksel-Beten, NATO
 - Mr. L. Ivanchenko, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 - Ms. P. Schwager, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (EF.IO/8/07)

- (b) *Discussion:* United States of America, CoEEA, Mr. B. Libert (panellist), Mr. A. Bieber (panellist), Ms. D. Yüksel-Beten (panellist), Mr. L. Ivanchenko (panellist), Spain, Ms. P. Schwager (panellist), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, OSCE Centre in Dushanbe, Turkey, European Commission, Tajikistan, Canada, Germany, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 23 January 2007, at 5.10 p.m., in the Neuer Saal

Closing Session (open to the press)

1. Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2007

Opened: 5.10 p.m.

Closed: 5.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma (Spain)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

Agenda item 8: *Closing statements*

Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova in alignment) (EF.DEL/14/07), Switzerland, Russian Federation, Mongolia (Partner for Co-operation), Armenia

(a) Mr. B. Snoy, CoEEA (EF.GAL/6/07)

(b) Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE (EF.DEL/12/07)

4. Next meeting:

21 to 23 May 2007, in Prague

Chair: Spain