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OSCE Center in Ashgabad  
in co-operation with the  
Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Technical Workshop on Oil Spills Response and Remediation:  
Status of regional co-operation in the Caspian Sea, available technologies and exchange of  
best practices from the OSCE region**

**Turkmenbashy, 10-11 March 2008**

**AGENDA**

**Monday, 10 March 2008**

9.15 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.00 **Opening Session**

- Welcoming remarks by **Mr. Arazmamet Arshykov, Chief specialist of Balkan Region Municipality**
- Welcoming remarks **Mr. Marc Baltes**, Senior Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities on behalf of the **Finnish OSCE Chairmanship**
- Introductory remarks by **Ambassador Ibrahim Djikic**, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabad

10.00 – 11.30 **First Session: Status of Oil Spill Preparedness and Remediation activities in the Caspian Sea: Needs and priorities.**

*Efficient Oil Spills response and remediation activities are vital to the protection of the environment. This session will provide an overview of the actual situation at national and regional level.*

Moderator: **Mr. Isidro Gonzalez**, Counsellor, Spanish Delegation to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Mr. Jan Olsson**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Centre in Astana

**Key note introductions (10 minutes):**

- **The International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation.**  
**Ms. Patricia Charlebois**, Head of Pollution Response Section, International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- **Status of the Protocol Concerning Regional Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in Combating Oil Pollution Incidents.**  
**Ms. Gozel Orazdurdyeva**, Strategic Action Plan Implementation Coordinator (SAPIC) in Turkmenistan, Caspian Environment Programme

- **Response and Prevention Measures to Oil Spills and Emergency Situations Caused by Oil Operations and Tanker Transportations**  
Mr. Berik Tolendiyev, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Turkmenistan.
- **Perspective from Azerbaijan.**  
Mr. Tariyel Husyenov, Chief of Department on Procurement and Improvement of Infrastructure. Ministry of Emergencies.
- **Role of the Civil Society**  
Ms. Kaisha Atahanova, Ecological Forum of NGOs of Kazakhstan

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee/Tea break

12.00 – 13.30 **Second Session: Response and action from the Public and Private Sector: Technologies and best practices.**

*Different experiences from the Caspian Sea region and the whole OSCE area will be presented with the aim of exchanging best practices and looking for synergies.*

Moderator: **Mr. Raul Daussa**, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Mr. Viktor Novikov**, UNEP GRID ARENDAL

**Key note introductions (10 minutes):**

- **PETRONAS OSR Capability in Turkmenistan (Turkmenistan)**  
Mr. Maharip B. Juni, HSE Manager PETRONAS Carigali (Turkmenistan)
- **Experience from SOCAR (Azerbaijan)**  
Mr. Elmar Zeynalov, Head of Labour Safety Unit, Safety Department, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic.
- **Capacity Building for Oil Spill Response. Caspian Sea Region.**  
Mr. John Ostergaard, Director, Oil Spill Training Company, (United Kingdom).
- **GIS based oil spill response operation tools**  
Mr. Tor Christian Sletner, Associate Director, Det Norske Veritas AS (Norway).

13.30 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:00 **Second Session Continuation**

**Key note introductions (10 minutes):**

- **Experience from the North Sea**  
Mr. Tharald Brekne, Consultant, Former Managing Director of the Norwegian Clean Seas Association for Operating Companies.
- **Response and remediation of the "Prestige" Oil Spill. Lessons learned.**  
Mr. Jorge Zaragoza, Head, Institutional Affairs and Co-operation, Centre for Prevention and Combating Maritime and Littoral Pollution (Spain).

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee / Tea Break

16:30 – 17:30 **Discussion with key note speakers and Q&A from plenary:**

*Following the Keynote address, speakers from the second session will discuss with the plenary possible models for regional co-operation and public/ private sector participation*

Moderator: **Mr. Gaurav Thapan-Rania**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Ashgabad.

Rapporteur: **Mr. Torbjörn Bjorvatn**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Baku

**Key note address:**

- **Industry Cooperation with Governments in Oil Spill Preparedness: The example of OSPRI.**

**Ms. Kari Stokke**, Corporate HSE, Environment and Climate, StatoilHydro ASA.

19:00 **Reception hosted by the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat (Hotel “Serdar”)**

**Tuesday, 11 March 2008**

09.00 – 10.30 **Third Session: Role of International Organizations and Regional Initiatives**

*International Organizations play an important role in co-ordinating and promoting efforts on Oil Spills Preparedness and Remediation. This session will aim at identifying the role of international organizations in catalyzing existing activities aimed at reducing oil spills and increasing response and remediation capacities of the Caspian Sea states.*

Moderator: **Mr. Marc Baltes**, Senior Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Ms. Lyale Nazarova**, Environmental & Economic Assistant, OSCE Centre in Ashgabad

**Key note introductions followed by discussion:**

- **The Caspian Convention: Synergies with other International Organizations**  
**Ms. Gozel Orazdurdyeva**, Coordinator of Strategic Action Plan Implementation of Caspian Environmental Program (SAP CEP)
- **The UNEP / UNDP involvement in the Caspian Sea**  
**Mr. Rovshen Nurmuhamedov**, National Program Coordinator (energy and environment), UNDP Turkmenistan  
**Mr. Viktor Novikov**, UNEP GRID ARENDAL
- **The ENVSEC Initiative: A framework for Environmental Co-operation**  
**Mr. Timur Berkeliev**, ENVSEC Focal Point in Turkmenistan.

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/Tea break

11.00 – 12.00 **Plenary Discussions.**

*The aim of this session is to discuss practical outcomes and recommendations based on the two topics selected.*

Moderator: **Mr. Gabriel Leonte**, Economic and Environmental Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Mr. Torbjörn Bjorvatn**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Baku and **Mr. Raul Daussa**, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities.

**Topic 1 – Co-ordination of international efforts:** *How can regional co-operation be a supplement to the work of international organizations concerning Oil Spills response and remediation? Is there a role for the OSCE?*

**Topic 2 – Exchange of best practices:** *How can the exchange of best practices and technology transfer be further facilitated. Is there a role for the OSCE?*

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.00 **Closing Session – Possible follow-up**

Summary of discussions by **Mr. Marc Baltes**, Senior Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities