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FIRST DAY OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

First Plenary Meeting

1. <u>Date</u>: Monday, 23 May 2005

Opened: 3.05 p.m. Closed: 6.55 p.m.

2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Mr. B. Frlec

3. <u>Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:</u>

Agenda item 1: OPENING (open to the press)

The Chairperson formally opened the Thirteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum.

The agenda and work programme of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum were adopted and are annexed hereto.

(a) WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Mr. B. Frlec, Chairperson of the Economic Forum, addressed the meeting.

(b) WELCOMING REMARKS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

H.E. Mr. Pavel Svoboda, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, addressed the meeting (EF.DEL/30/05).

(c) OPENING ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

H.E. Dr. Dimitrij Rupel, Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, addressed the meeting (EF.DEL/31/05).

(d) WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Marcin Świeçicki, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, addressed the meeting.

(e) ADDRESSES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OSCE INSTITUTIONS

- Mr. C. Strohal, Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
- Mr. R. Ekéus, High Commissioner on National Minorities (EF.GAL/14/05)

(f) KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- Mr. V. Špidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (EF.DEL/21/05)
- Mr. B. McKinley, Director General, International Organization for Migration (EF.IO/9/05)
- Ms. B. Schmögnerová, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (EF.IO/13/05)
- Ms. R. Süßmuth, Global Commission on International Migration
- Mr. G. Rapota, Secretary General, Eurasian Economic Community (EF.IO/12/05)
- Mr. N. Myers, Environmental Consultant, Oxford University
- Mr. A. Vladychenko, Director General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe (EF.IO/17/05)

(g) DISCUSSION

Chairperson, Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment), Russian Federation (EF.DEL/32/05), Belarus (EF.DEL/35/05), Switzerland, Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova) (EF.DEL/34/05), Poland, Croatia (EF.DEL/29/05), Azerbaijan (EF.DEL/33/05), Armenia, Norway

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Tuesday, 24 May 2005 at 9 a.m., in the plenary hall



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AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Demographic Trends, Migration and Integrating Persons belonging to National Minorities: Ensuring Security and Sustainable Development in the OSCE Area

Prague, 23 to 27 May 2005

- 1. Opening (open to the press)
 - (a) Welcoming remarks by the Chairperson of the Economic Forum
 - (b) Welcoming remarks by a representative of the Government of the Czech Republic
 - (c) Opening address by the Chairman-in-Office
 - (d) Welcoming remarks by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
 - (e) Addresses by representatives of OSCE institutions
 - (f) Keynote addresses
 - (g) Discussion
- 2. Review of the implementation of commitments in the OSCE economic and environmental dimension
 - (a) Presentation of the report by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on the implementation of OSCE commitments, focusing on "Integration, Trade and Transport"
 - (b) Keynote addresses and discussion

- 3. Presentation of the activity report by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- 4. Review of the implementation of commitments in the OSCE economic and environmental dimension
 - (a) Integration and trade
 - (b) Transport
- 5. Session I: Population developments
- 6. Session II: Improving economic prospects in countries of emigration
- 7. Session III: Environment and migration
- 8. Session IV: Providing services for migrants
- 9. Session V: Awareness-raising and economic integration in countries of destination
- 10. Session VI: The informal sector
- 11. Session VII: Policies of integration of persons belonging to national minorities
- 12. Session VIII: Economic and social integration of persons belonging to national minorities
- 13. OSCE as a platform for dialogue and co-operation
 - (a) Presentation of conclusions and policy recommendations from the sessions
 - (b) Discussion
- 14. Closing (open to the press)
 - (a) Closing remarks by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
 - (b) Concluding remarks by the Chairperson of the Economic Forum
 - (c) Discussion

Work Programme

Working hours:

Monday: 3–6 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and 2.30–6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

	Monday 23 May	Tuesday 24 May	Wednesday 25 May	Thursday 26 May	Friday 27 May
Morning		Items 2, 3	Items 5, 6 — Sessions I, II	Items 9, 10 — Sessions V, VI	Items 13, 14
Afternoon	Item 1	Item 4	Items 7, 8 — Sessions III, IV	Items 11, 12 — Sessions VII, VIII	
		In parallel: SE1, SE2	In parallel: SE3	In parallel: SE4	

SE1, SE2, SE3, SE4 = side events