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20th OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM "Promoting Security and Stability through Good Governance"

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

Promoting Good Governance and Combating Corruption in Support of Socio-Economic Development

Dublin, 23-24 April 2012

AGENDA

Sunday, 22 April

18:00 - 20:00

Welcome Cocktail hosted by Mr. Goran Svilanović, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, at the Morrison Hotel, Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin 1

Monday, 23 April

09.30 – 10.30 **Opening Session**

- Mr. John Perry T.D., Minister of State, Department of Enterprise Jobs and Innovation, Ireland
- Mr. Goran Svilanović, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Mr. Michael Camuñez, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, United States of America
- Mr. Reinhard Priebe, Director, Internal Security, DG HOME, European Commission

Statements by Delegations

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/Tea break

11.00 – 13.00 Session I: Overview of international and regional anticorruption instruments, initiatives and advancements

Selected topics:

- Key issues, new developments and priorities at regional level in fighting corruption (including the Partners for Co-operation)
- Key provisions of international frameworks and legal instruments (including UN Convention against Corruption, OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, etc.)
- Existing international and regional co-operation, coordination and monitoring mechanisms (Council of Europe/GRECO, OECD/ACN, UNODC/UNCAC Review, EU anti-corruption reporting mechanism for periodic assessment, etc.)

Moderator: Mr. Robert Leventhal, Director, Anti-Corruption and Governance Initiatives,

Department of State, United States of America

Rapporteur: Mr. Gilbert Schenkenbach, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

Speakers:

- Mr. Wolfgang Rau, Executive Secretary, Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (CoE/GRECO)
- Ms. Olga Savran, Manager, Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN), Anti-Corruption Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Mr. Dimosthenis Chryssikos, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Mr. Abdesselam Aboudrar, President, Moroccan Anti-Corruption Agency

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 Session II: Fostering integrity and ethical conduct in the public sector

Selected topics:

- Key issues for promoting good public governance and a culture of integrity, transparency and accountability at central and local level
- Latest developments and initiatives in the OSCE region on introducing and enforcing standards for ethical behaviour and code of conduct by public officials and politically elected persons
- Exchange of experiences on the development and enforcement of asset and income declaration systems, disclosure requirements and verification mechanisms for public officials and persons entrusted with prominent public functions

Moderator: Mr. John Devitt, Chief Executive at Transparency International Ireland Rapporteur: Mr. Mato Meyer, Economic Transparency Adviser, OSCE Mission to Serbia

Speakers:

- Ms. Anneli Sihver, Advisor, Public Administration and Public Service Department, Ministry of Finance, Estonia
- Ms. Marijana Obradović, Assistant Director for Prevention, Anti-corruption Agency, Serbia
- Mr. Thomas Vennen, Head of the Democratization Department, OSCE/ODIHR
- Ms. Yael Ahilea, Legal Adviser, Department for Legal Advising and Legislation, Administrative Law Division, Ministry of Justice, Israel
- Mr. Davor Dubravica, Head of the Anti-Corruption Sector, Ministry of Justice, Croatia

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.00 Session III: Promoting sound management of public resources and budget spending

Selected topics:

- Transparency and accountability in public financial management, regulatory reforms and transparency initiatives in public procurement (with a focus on infrastructure projects) and management of natural resources
- Developing public-private sector partnership to counter bribery
- Advancements on strengthening whistleblower and witness protection
- Exchanges of national best practices from across the OSCE region

Moderator: Ambassador Eoin O'Leary, Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council,

Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Jens Rasmussen, Senior Project Officer, Good Governance Programme,

Uzbekistan

Speakers:

- Mr. Jan Jackholt, Director, Procurement Department, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Ms. Caroline Nicholas, Senior Legal Officer, International Trade Law Division, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
- Ms. Husniyya Mammadova, Acting Deputy Head of Economic Co-operation and Development Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Azerbaijan
- Mr. Martin Bridger, Legal Consultant, Sambei Bridger & Polaine Legal & Law Enforcement Specialists, United Kingdom

Discussion

18.30 Reception hosted by the Irish 2012 OSCE Chairmanship (George's Hall, Dublin Castle)

Tuesday, 24 April

09.30 - 11.00

Panel Debate - Session IV: The key role of civil society and business community towards developing comprehensive and effective anti-corruption approaches

Selected topics:

- Strengthening political will and the legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks to allow civil society organizations to contribute to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of anti-corruption strategies and action plans
- Involving civil society organizations, the media and the private sector
- Promotion of access to information on anti-corruption measures through e-portals, anti-corruption co-operation networks, participatory monitoring and evaluation processes, civil society information centres
- Identification of training and educational needs of civil society to strengthen their knowledge on anti-corruption issues

Moderator: Ms. Elaine Byrne, Journalist and politics lecturer, Ireland Rapporteur: Ms. Katy Long, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

Panellists:

- Mr. Matt Poelmans, Director, Citizen Vision eParticipation Institute, the Netherlands
- Mr. Georg-Florian Grabenweger, Policy Adviser, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)
- Ms. Anne-Christine Wegener, Programme Manager, Transparency International, United Kingdom
- Ms. Violetta Yan, Deputy Director, OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Kyrgiz Republic
- Ms. Roxana Cefan, Group Compliance & Corruption Prevention, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Austria
- Ms. Londa Esadze, Senior International Anti-Corruption Advisor, UNODC/UNDP Researcher, Transnational Crime and Corruption Centre (TraCCC), George Mason University Lecturer

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break

 $11.30-13.00 \qquad \qquad Session \ V: \qquad \qquad The \ role \ of \ good \ governance \ in \ stimulating \\ sustainable \ economic, \ social \ and \ environmental \\ development$

Selected topics:

- Stimulating the economy through simplification of business-related regulations, interinstitutional co-ordination and the creation of transparent and friendly business environments
- Exchange of best practices on building integrity in customs and other border services for the benefit of trade and transport development

- Role of good governance in improving opportunities for women in the economic sphere
- Good governance activities in the field of environment

Moderator: Ambassador Eustathios Lozos, Chairman of the Economic and

Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE

Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- Ms. Karine Minasyan, First Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia
- Ms. Yelena Kudryavtseva, Programme Specialist, UN Women Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Mr. Abdukholik Kholikov, Head of the Department of Legal Support to Entrepreneurs, State Committee for Investments and State Property Management, Tajikistan
- Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Brussels

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.30 Session VI: Identifying and recovering stolen assets

Selected topics:

- Advancements and remaining challenges in developing the necessary legislation and institutions
- Introduction of effective standards of customer due diligence and co-operation between financial institutions and government agencies
- Stronger international information sharing and co-operation on asset recovery

Moderator: **Mr. Dimosthenis Chryssikos**, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Rapporteur: Mr. Christian Larson, Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- Mr. Pedro Gomes Pereira, Asset Recovery Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance, Switzerland
- Mr. Oliver Stolpe, Senior Advisor, Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative of the World Bank and UNODC
- Mr. James Mitra, Senior Manager, Financial Intelligence Unit, Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), United Kingdom
- Detective Chief Superintendent Eugene Corcoran, , Criminal Assets Bureau, Ireland

Discussion

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee/Tea break

17.00 – 18.00 Concluding Session: The OSCE's Role in Follow-up to the Forum

Moderator: Ambassador Frank Cogan, Head of OSCE Chairmanship Taskforce,

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland

Rapporteur: Ms. Alma Mirvić, National Planning and Co-Ordination Officer, Head Of

Mission Office, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Mr. Alan Shatter T.D., Minister of Justice, Ireland

- Mr. Goran Svilanović, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Concluding Debate and Closing Statements