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**“Migration management and its linkages with economic, social and environmental policies to the benefit of stability and security in the OSCE region”**

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Monday, 18 May 2009**

**10.00 – 11.00            Opening Session**

- Opening Address by **H.E. Dora Bakoyannis**, Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece
- Introductory Remarks by **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut**, OSCE Secretary General and **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Keynote speeches:
  - **Mr. Ján Kubiš**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
  - **Ambassador William Lacy Swing**, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) ‘
- Discussion

**11.00 – 11.30            Coffee/Tea Break**

**11.30 – 13.00            Session I: Managing migration in a changing global environment**

**Key issues:**

- Alleviating the negative effects of the global financial/economic crisis on international migration and development
- Developing a comprehensive and co-operative approach enhancing economic development and stability
- Developing policy models incorporating migration management, developmental aspects and human rights aspects
- Upholding migrants' rights, dignity and equality of treatment, combating discrimination and xenophobia as serious challenges to security and stability in OSCE area

**Presentations followed by discussion**

- **Ambassador Janez Lenarcic**, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)
- **Ambassador Andrej Benedejčič**, Director General, Directorate for Policy Planning and Multilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia
- **Ms. Irina Ivakhnyuk**, Ph.D., Senior Researcher and Deputy Director of the Department of Population, Faculty of Economics, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russian Federation
- **Ms. María Ochoa-Llidó**, Head, Migration and Roma Department, Council of Europe

13.00 – 15.00            Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.30            **Session II: Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension focusing on migration**

- Presentation of the *Review Report* by **Mr. Ibrahim Awad**, Director, Migration Department, International Labour Office (ILO)
- Commentators:
  - **Ms. Tamara Duisenova**, Secretary General, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Republic of Kazakhstan
  - **Mr. Don Flynn**, Director, Migrants Rights Network
- Discussion

16.30 – 17.00            Coffee/Tea Break

17.00 – 18.30            **Session III: Gender and labour migration policies**

**Key issues:**

- Gender mainstreaming in permanent and temporary labour admission policies – main challenges, mainstreaming methods and tools

- Exchange of experience on measures being taken to provide legal migration channels for foreign domestic and care service workers to avoid irregular employment and improve labour protection to all economic sectors
- Improving migration policies and support services to attract more female migrant workers into high-skilled sectors
- Developing gender sensitive support services in countries of destination and origin to aid integration and re-integration upon return as well as limit the social costs of migration on the ‘left-behind’

#### **Presentations followed by discussion**

- Presentation of the *OSCE Guide on Gender-Sensitive Labour Migration Policies* by **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, **Ms. Eva Biaudet**, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, and a representative of the OSCE Gender Unit
- **Ms. Nargis Azizova**, Gender and Governance Adviser, Office in Tajikistan, United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
- **Ms. Sylvia Lopez-Ekra**, Senior Gender Advisor, IOM, Geneva
- Country Representatives

20.00 Reception hosted by the Greek OSCE Chairmanship (Zappeion Hall, Athens)

### **Tuesday, 19 May 2009**

09.30 – 11.00 **Session IV: Enhancing the development impact of migration**

#### **Key issues:**

- Enhancing the positive contributions to economic and social development made by migrants by promoting policy coherence between migration policy and economic development policy
- Responding to increasing unemployment among national and migrant populations, return migration and to decreasing remittance inflows and reduced opportunities for seasonal migration by supporting employment creating initiatives such as improved conditions for investment, SME development and self-employment
- Promoting shared responsibilities and co-operation between origin and destination countries through co-development, more effective use of remittances, migrants’ investment and development potential

#### **Presentations followed by discussion**

- **Mr. Andrew Dabalen**, Senior Economist, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Europe and Central Asia, the World Bank
- **Ms. Shujoat Khasanova**, Vice Speaker of the Parliament, Tajikistan
- **Mr. Kęstutis Bučinskis**, Director of Migration Policy Department, Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania

- **Mr. Pedro De Vasconcelos**, Programme Coordinator, Financing Facility for Remittances, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session V: Addressing the environmental factors of migration**

**Key issues:**

- Discussing scenarios and raising awareness concerning the future impact of climate change on migration
- Enhancing early warning, preparedness and informed policy responses through research and scientific data gathering
- Addressing common environmental issues having a possible impact on migration in the context of regional security

**Presentations followed by discussion**

- **Mr. Chad Briggs**, Associate Research Fellow, Institute for Environmental Security, Brussels
- **Professor Michelle Leighton**, Director of the Human Rights Programme, Centre for Law and Global Justice, University of San Francisco, U.S., Munich Re Foundation Endowed Chair on Social Vulnerability
- **Mr. Philippe Boncour**, Head of the International Dialogue on Migration Division, Migration Policy, Research and Communication Department, IOM, Geneva

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.30 **Session VI: Strengthening regional and inter-state co-operation in the area of migration management for the benefit of stability and security**

**Key issues (discussed in regional context - EU, CIS, Central Asia, Mediterranean, Black Sea regions and others):**

- Cooperation for standardised and harmonised migration databases for evidence-based policy-making
- Building effective migration management institutions and structures involving all relevant stakeholders and supporting regional cooperation and economic development
- Promoting mutual action which foster labour rights, social welfare and social integration to avoid exploitation and abuse of migrant workers in the workplace and society in general
- Promoting legal channels based on labour market assessments and closer cooperation between employment agencies in countries of destination and origin
- Cooperation between countries to combat illegal migration and related criminal activities as well as strengthen border management

### **Presentations followed by discussion**

- **Ms. Aigul Ryskulova**, Chairperson, State Committee on Migration and Employment, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Ms. Eva Biaudet**, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- **Ms. Ann-Charlotte Nygard**, Senior Programme Manager, Department for Capacity Building and Operations, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- **Mr. Ralph Markert**, Crime Intelligence Officer, INTERPOL
- Country Representatives

16.30 – 17.00            Coffee/Tea Break

17.00 – 18.30            **Session VI: Strengthening regional and inter-state co-operation in the area of migration management for the benefit of stability and security (continued)**

20.00                    Cultural Event (Athens Concert Hall)

### **Wednesday, 20 May 2009**

09.30 – 12.00            **The OSCE contribution and follow-up ideas**

- Presentation of follow-up proposals by **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Commentators:
  - **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Institute of European Studies, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
  - **Ms. Michele Klein-Solomon**, Director, Migration Policy, Research and Communication, IOM, Geneva
  - Country Representatives
- Discussion
- **Concluding Remarks by the Representative of the Greek OSCE Chairmanship**

### **Closing of the Forum**