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### First Preparatory Conference to the Fifteenth OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

#### “Land Degradation and Soil Contamination”

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, 16-17 November 2006

Hyatt Regency Bishkek, Sovetskaya str., 191

### ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### Wednesday, 15 November

- 17.00 – 19.00            Accreditation - Hyatt Regency Bishkek
- 19.30                      Welcoming Cocktail - Hyatt Regency Bishkek

#### Thursday, 16 November

- 08.00                      Accreditation - Hyatt Regency Bishkek
- 09.00 - 09.30            **Opening Plenary Session** (open to Press)

Welcoming remarks by:

- **H.E. Mr. Alikbek Djekshenkulov**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyz Republic
- **Ambassador Christian Meerschman**, Embassy of Belgium to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Belgian OSCE Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Jose Angel López-Jorrián**, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain/incoming OSCE Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Markus Müller**, Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

- 09.30 - 11.00            **Plenary Session I – The challenges of land degradation and soil contamination; ensuring environmental security and sustainable development**

Keynote speeches followed by Discussion

- **Ms. Jacqueline McGlade**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency (**tbc**)
- **BG (R). Christopher King**, Ph.D., P.E., Dean of Academics, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College
- **Mr. Mikhail Outkine**, Officer in Charge for Central Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- European Commission (**tbc**)

Topics:

- Environmental, economic and security implications of land degradation and contaminated soils
- Trends and policies in the OSCE area

11.00 – 11.30            Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00            **Plenary Session II – The impact of hazardous activities on environmental security**

- **Mr. Yerzhan Kumarbekov**, Melange Destruction Programme, Ministry of Defence, Kazakhstan
- **Mr. José Lopez de Velasco**, Ministry of Environment, Spain
- **Mr. Oleksander Vasenko**, Director for Science, Ukrainian Research Institute for Environmental Problems, Ministry of Environment, Ukraine
- **Mr Philip Peck**, Associate Professor, The International Institute of Industrial Environmental Economics at Lund University, Mining & Environment Consultant, UNEP, GRID Arendal
- **Mr. Sergey H. Arevshatyan**, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies of the National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Armenia

Topics:

- Soil contamination from industrial and military legacies
- Transport and disposal of hazardous substances and trafficking on hazardous waste

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30            Lunch

14.30 – 16.00            **Plenary Session III – Forest management**

- **Mr. Peter Herbst**, Consultant on Forestry Law, Austria
- **Mr. José María Solano López**, Head of Area, Forest Management and Planning Section, Biodiversity Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Spain
- State Agency for Nature Protection and Forestry Management, Kyrgyz Republic (**tbc**)

Topics:

- Forest management as a tool to prevent floods and landslides
- Economic importance of forest resources, sustainable harvesting
- Forest related legislation and good forest management practices

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 **Plenary Session IV – The challenge of environmental migration**

- **Mr. Philip Reuchlin**, Economic and Environmental Advisor, OSCE - OCEEA
- **Mr. Anis Bajrektarevic**, Professor for International Law and Global Political Studies, IMC FH Krems University, Austria
- **Mr. Carlos Zaccagnini**, Representative of the UNHCR in the Kyrgyz Republic

Topics

- Understanding the link between environmental degradation and migration
- Assessing the challenges of definition and research on environmental migrants
- Possible way ahead

Discussion

19.00 **Reception and Kyrgyz Cultural Evening – State Residence of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic - Ala-Archa** (transport will be provided)

## **Friday, 17 November**

09.00 – 10.30 **Plenary Session V - Sustainable use of land, agriculture and food security**

- **Dr. Gregory Gleason**, Professor of Political Science, University of New Mexico, Eurasian National University in Astana
- **Ms. Zulfira Zikrina**, NGO - Centre for sustainable production and consumption, Kazakhstan
- **Ms. Aida Gareeva**, Project Coordinator, Water and Soil conservation technologies, Public foundation CAMP Ala-Too, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Topics:

- Understanding the links between land degradation, unsustainable agriculture and food security
- Good governance issues; strategic planning/thinking

Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 **Panel I – Integrated Watershed Management**

Panellists' Introductory remarks followed by Discussion

- **Mr. Miguel Antolín Martínez**, Head of Area, International Affairs Water Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Spain

- **Mr. Pulat Umarov**, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission in Central Asia
- **Mr. Abdumanap Kutzhanov**, Member of the Executive Board, International Foundation for the Aral Sea
- **Mr. Azim Hisoriev**, Chief Engineer, Groundwater and Land Reclamation Agency, Tajikistan
- **Ms. Aida Nabieva**, Director, NGO “Bilek”, Isfana, Batken Province, Kyrgyz Republic

12.30 – 14.00            Lunch

14.00 – 16.00            **Panel II- Public and private response to meeting the challenges of land degradation an soil contamination**

Panellists’ Introductory remarks followed by Discussion

- **Ms. Gulsara Edilbaeva**, Executive Director, Kazakh Business Council for Sustainable Development (**tbc**)
- **Mr. Kanybek Ysabekov**, Manager of Monitoring Department, Osh Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Mr. Emil Shukurov**, Manager of Ecosystem Management Programme, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia
- **Ms. Elmira Mavlaynova**, Manager, “Civil Society Support Centre, Jalalabad, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Ms. Janyl Kojomuratova**, Project Coordinator, GTZ CCD Project in Kyrgyzstan, Public foundation CAMP Ala-Too, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30            Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00            **Panel III – The role of the OSCE and co-operation with other International Organizations**

- **Mr. Robert Everitt**, Senior Project Specialist, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division, East and Central Asia Department, Asian Development Bank - Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management
- **Ms. Inkar Kadyrzhanova**, ENVSEC Regional Desk Officer for Central Asia, UNDP Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Nazir Abidjanov**, Director, national Cleaner Production Center in Uzbekistan, UNIDO
- **Ms. Amanda E. Wooden**, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Field Office in Osh, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Mr. Stoyan Davidov**, Field Officer, OSCE Field Office in Kurgan-Tube, Tajikistan

Discussion

18.00 – 18.30

**Conclusions and Closing** (open to Press)

- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Jose Angel López-Jorin**, Head of the OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain/incoming OSCE Chairmanship
- **Representative of the host country**