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“Promotion of common actions and co-operation in the OSCE area in the fields of development of sustainable energy and transport”

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING (DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT)

Druskininkai, Lithuania, 4-5 April 2011

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 4 April

09.30 – 10.30

Opening Session

- **Representative(s) of Lithuania, 2011 OSCE Chairmanship**
- **Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, OSCE Secretary General**
- **Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee/Tea break (Press Conference)

11.00 – 13.00

Opening Panel Debate - Promoting sustainable transport in the OSCE area: challenges and responses

Selected topics:

- Key concepts of sustainable transport
- Maximizing the economic efficiency of transport while minimizing its impact on the environment
- Transport efficiency from a time, cost, energy and environmental perspective
- Most recent developments and initiatives across the region, current good practices

Panel debate followed by discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 Session I – Environmentally friendly transportation choices: the role of policies

Selected topics:

- Developing strategies aimed at reducing the impact of transport on the environment, including greening road transportation initiatives
- Promoting adequate national policies for cleaner and more energy-efficient transportation
- The role of local authorities in promoting sustainable transportation systems
- Public participation and awareness raising: the role of the civil society

Presentations followed by discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.00 Session II - Environmentally friendly transportation choices: the role of innovation and technology

Selected topics:

- Improvement of energy efficiency in the transport field
- The role of technologies using clean and renewable energy such as solar power, hydropower, biofuels, electricity etc.
- How new technologies will affect transportation systems? The case of the electric car: Latest developments and private sector initiatives

Presentations followed by discussion

18.30 Reception

Tuesday, 5 April

09.30 – 11.00 Session III – Facilitation of international land transport: co-ordination and simplification of border crossing and customs clearance procedures

Selected topics:

- Lessons learnt in promoting inter-agency co-operation and co-ordination at national level and across borders
- Multi-stakeholder co-operation and the involvement of the private sector

- The need to minimize trade transaction costs by simplifying and reducing procedures and documentary requirements
- Examining existing good practices and recent developments and identifying areas where further progress is needed

Presentations followed by discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 13.00 Session IV – Facilitation of international land transport: innovation, new technologies and information exchange

Selected topics:

- Simplification and automatization for faster and more efficient clearance of cargo shipments, including through the introduction of IT systems
- The key role of Governments in providing a clear and stable regulatory framework encouraging innovation in the transport field
- Integrated information systems incl. Internet-based communication interfaces as a tool to further co-ordinate and streamline communication and information, exchange as well as control processes, between authorities and private sector operators

Presentations followed by discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 Session V – Integration of transport networks in the OSCE area

Selected topics:

- The need to step up inter-regional co-ordination and harmonization mechanisms, including in the framework of addressing the specific transit transportation challenges of landlocked developing countries
- The development of ‘Green Corridors’ allowing for long-distance freight transport routes using advanced technology and co-modality in order to achieve higher levels of energy efficiency and reduce environmental consequences
- Promoting the design of multi-modal logistic systems including through the placement of strategically located trans-shipment points as well as the establishment of better links between shipping and inland transport modes

Presentations followed by discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 17.30 **Concluding Panel Debate - The role of the OSCE in promoting sustainable transport solutions**

17.30 – 18.00 **Closing Statements**

- **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Representative of Lithuania, 2011 OSCE Chairmanship**