



**First session of the SPECA Coordinating Committee**  
(Baku, Azerbaijan, 7 December 2005)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**I. Opening of the session**

Opening of the session by the Minister/Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and opening statements by representatives of the SPECA member countries, UNECE and UNESCAP.

**II. Follow-up to the decisions taken at the special meeting of the SPECA National Coordinators (Astana, 27 May 2005)**

- a) Status report on the process of accession of Afghanistan to SPECA.
- b) Implementation of 2005-2007 Work Plan in support of SPECA adopted in Astana in May 2005 (progress reports by representatives of the UN Regional Commissions and/or the countries that chaired/co-chair the Project Working Groups (PWG):
  - Report of the Ad hoc session of the PWG on Water and Energy Resources (Almaty, 9-10 November 2005).
  - Report of the inauguration session of the PWG on ICT for Development (Baku, 5-6 December 2005).
  - Preparations for the meeting of the PWG on Transport and Border Crossing (2006).
  - Preparations for the meeting of the PWG on Trade (2006).
  - Preparations for the meeting of the PWG on Statistics (2006).
  - Report on preparations for the setting-up of the Working Group on Gender and Economy (preparatory meeting will be held in Geneva on 8-9 December 2005).
- c) Remaining organisational issues, including co-chairmanship of the SPECA PWGs.
- d) Report on the activities of the SPECA Business Council.

**III. Initiative to set up a SPECA Network of Economic Research Institutes**

Progress report will be presented.

**IV. Preparations for the first session of the SPECA Governing Council and SPECA Economic Forum (Baku, June 2006)**

Discussion paper will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

## **V. Cooperation with partner organizations**

Report on on-going consultations on strengthening SPECA-CAREC cooperation will be presented.

## **VI. Closing of the session**