OSCE – UNECE Seminar on the implementation of the
International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods
14 - 15 December 2006

Conference Venue:
Sava Center, Milentija Popovića 9, Belgrade, Serbia

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1

Thursday, 14 December 2006

08h30  Registration

09h00  Opening of the Seminar, welcome addresses

  • Opening Statements
    ▶ Ms. Vesna Arsić, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Serbia
    ▶ Mr. Anthony Pahigian, Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia
    ▶ Ambassador Hans Ola Urstad, Head of OSCE Mission to Serbia
    ▶ Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
    ▶ Mr. Poul Hansen, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division

09h30  Trade and transport facilitation

  ▶ Mr. Robert Nowak, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division

10h00  Integrated Border Management and the Harmonization Convention

  ▶ Mr. Poul Hansen, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division
  ▶ Mr. Gareth Lewis, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation, World Customs Organization (WCO)
  ▶ Mr. Henry Bolton, Senior Border Issues Adviser, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) Border Unit

11h00  Coffee break
11h30 Country reports on implementation of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management
   - Country reports
     - Countries in the region, 5-10 minutes presentations by the representatives of Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia; The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Republic of Moldova; Montenegro; Serbia, Slovenia as well as observer countries

12h30 Facilitated bilateral break-out sessions to address specific issues between neighbouring countries

13h00 Lunch

14h30 Presentation of results of break-out sessions

15h00 Experience of the transport industry concerning integrated border management
   - Mr. Peter Krausz, Head of Goods Transport and Facilitation Department, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

15h30 National cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general
   - General introduction, best practices vis-à-vis reality, state-of-the-art procedures
     - tbc

16h00 Coffee break

16h15 Experience of authorities in cooperation measures at national level in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general
   - Issues and challenges
     - Ms. Vesna Nikolić, National Coordinator on implementation of IBM strategy, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Serbia
     - Open Floor

17h15 Cross-border cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general
   - General introduction, best practices vis-à-vis reality, state-of-the-art procedures incl. joint border stations
     - Mr. Jerzy Adam Szczawinski, Deputy Director, Customs Chamber in Bialystok, Poland

17h45 Experience of authorities in cross-border cooperation measures in the framework of the Harmonization Convention and integrated border management in general
   - Issues and challenges
     - Mr. Stanislav Mikuž, Director, Customs Directorate Nova Gorica, Slovenia
     - Mr. Slobodan Nikolić, Customs Unit Coordinator of the IBM, Republic of Serbia
     - Mr. Predrag Aleksić, Head of Customs System and Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Serbia

18h15 Discussion

18h30 End of Day 1

20h00 Reception, Ellington’s Bar, Hyatt Regency Hotel
DAY 2

Friday, 15 December 2006

08h15  Field visit to border crossings
12h15  Lunch
15h30  Future aspects of Integrated Border Management (IBM)

- Concrete issues and scope for improvement in short and long term
- Follow-up
  - Mr. Poul Hansen, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division
- Discussion

16h00  Concluding session

- Mr. Poul Hansen, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division
- Mr. Dušan Vasiljević, Head of the Economic and Environmental Department, OSCE Mission to Serbia
- Ambassador Frank Geerkens, Head of the OSCE Chairmanship Unit, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

16h30  End of seminar
**FIELD VISIT ON FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2006**

Participants are invited to take part in a Field Visit which will show three border crossing points (Sot, Neštin and Batrovci). Representatives of the border agencies will orally present the advantages and disadvantages of the border crossing points. The follow-up buffet lunch will be organised in the hunting resort of Morović.

Date: **Friday, 15 December 2006**
Time: **8:30 am to 3:30 pm**
Meeting point: **Hotel Intercontinental at 8:15**
Distance from Belgrade: **1.5 hour drive**
Sightseeing: **border crossing points**

8:30  Departure from the Hotel Intercontinental, Belgrade
10:00  Arrival at the border crossing of Neštin, crossing to Croatia
10:30  Arrival at the border crossing of Sot, crossing from Croatia
11:00  Arrival at the border crossing of Batrovci
       Customs Administration, inspection and border police deliver a short presentation and exchange experiences with the quests
12:00  Departure for Morović
12:15  Lunch in Morović
13:45  Departure for Belgrade
15:15  Arrival in Belgrade, Sava Centar
15:30  Continuation of Seminar

Field visit leaders: Zoran Popović (OSCE) and Sofija Vasiljević (Ministry of Finance)

Legend:
1 – Sava Centar/Intercontinental
2 – Border crossing Neštin
3 – Border crossing Sot
4 – Border crossing Batrovci
5 – Hunting resort of Morović

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