The OSCE and the Åarhus Convention

An overview
OSCE Commitments

- 3 dimensions of OSCE commitments:
  - Human Rights,
  - Political/Military
  - Economic/Environmental
OSCE Århus Activities

- National/regional seminars
- Awareness raising campaigns
- Århus Centers
Åarhus Centers

- MoU between Ministry and OSCE
- Management board
  - NGO
  - Government
- Advisory Board
  - Major donors
  - Reps. from diplomatic community
  - International organisations
Where?

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan
- Belarus (planned)
ENVSEC and Århus

- Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC) (www.envsec.org)
- Partners:
  - OSCE, UNDP, UNEP, NATO
  - Possibly UNECE in 2006
- ENVSEC identifies ‘hotspots’ and prepares a work program based on 3 themes:
  - Vulnerability Assessment & Monitoring
  - Policy Development & Implementation
  - Capacity Building & Institutional Development
Future Outlook

- New Århus Centers (AC)
- Financial sustainability of AC’s
- Integration with other projects
- Government interaction and capacity
Thank you

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