ANOTATED AGENDA

Target-oriented meeting between the United Nations, the Council of Europe, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, as well as the European Commission, the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Organization for Migration

Ratsaal, Hofburg Conference Centre, Vienna
Thursday 12 February 2004
10.00 – 18.30

"Activities of, and co-operation between partner international organizations in the Southern Caucasus"

Chair: Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Director, Conflict Prevention Centre

10 a.m. Opening of the Meeting

1. Overview by international organizations of their approaches to and activities in the Southern Caucasus

   • Promoting stability in the whole of the region following the cycle of elections in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.
   • Consolidation of project-based activities
   • Desirability of fostering regional approaches

2. Priority areas of co-operation by international organizations in the Southern Caucasus

10.30 a.m. A. Promoting climate of confidence

   • Confidence-building measures in conflict zones and the need for close interaction among the international players
   • Prospective fields for closer interaction
- Border issues
- Police matters
- Anti-trafficking

11.30 a.m. Coffee Break

11.45 a.m. **B. Fostering economic and social security**

- Good governance, including anti-corruption activities
- Economic rehabilitation of conflict-affected regions
- Regional environmental initiatives (Environment and Security and River Basin Management)
- Access to social protection, in particular to vulnerable groups

12:30 p.m. **C. Assisting the promotion of human rights and democracy**

- Support to the activities of Ombudsman institutions
- Human rights situation in the zones of conflict
- Human rights protection: monitoring mechanisms and promotion activities
  - Religious freedoms
  - Human rights of women
  - Fair trials and freedom from arbitrary detention
  - IDPs
  - Minority issues
  - Free media
  - Civil society development, including in the zones of conflict

1.00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Lunch at “Augustinerkeller”, Augustinerstrasse 1

3.00 p.m. **Continuation of C. Assisting the promotion of human rights and democracy**

- Support to the legislative bodies and promotion of fundamental local self-government reform
- Joint activities in the field
- Elections – shortcomings, recommendations and the road to reform

3.30 p.m. **D. Assisting the promotion of the rule of law, including countering organised crime in the region**
• Promotion of legislative reform and public access to legislative information
• Training programmes for legal professionals and law enforcement representatives
• Penitentiary reform
• Projects to counter money laundering, financing of terrorism and promote travel documents security

4.30 p.m. Coffee Break

4.45 p.m. 3. Efforts on preventive diplomacy and prospects for future co-operation

• Status of conflict settlement processes
• Areas where preventive efforts are needed, including with regard to issues concerning persons belonging to minorities
• Prospects for further increase of interaction in identifying and addressing situations that might lead to conflicts

5.30 p.m. 4. Modalities for co-operation in the field

• Results of the regional discussions involving field representatives of OSCE, EU, UN and CoE in 2001 and 2003
• The need for a consolidated, concerted approach by the international community, in view of the lessons learnt from other regions

6.30 p.m. The Target-oriented Meeting concludes