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The Hague, 10-11 November 2004

The meeting will be hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Finance.

The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Richard Emery, Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, United States.

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Wednesday, 10 November 2004 (*)

- 9:00 – 9:30 Opening and introductory remarks on regional SBO networks and the case for peer review by Chairman Mr. Richard Emery (United States)
- 9:30 – 9:45 Introduction by the Dutch Minister of Finance, Mr. Gerrit Zalm
- 9:45 – 9:50 Welcome and opening remarks by the Deputy Secretary General of the OECD, Mr. Richard Hecklinger -- [to be confirmed]
- 9:45 – 10:45 Introduction of participants by Mr. Steven van Eyck, former State Secretary of Finance, Netherlands
- 10:45 – 11:00 Recent developments in budgeting and financial management in OECD countries**
- Presentation by Mr. Jón R. Blöndal, OECD Secretariat.
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break*
- 11:30 – 13:00 Current challenges in budget reform**
- Presentations by delegates.
- 13:00 – 15:00 Lunch at Sociëteit de Witte, followed by a visit to the Mauritshuis and a group photo.*
- 15:00 – 16:15 Survey of the budget process of Slovenia**
- Presentation by Mr. Dirk Kraan, OECD Secretariat
 - Reaction by Mr. Johannes Schuy, Ministry of Finance, Germany and Mr. Lyubomir Datzov, Ministry of Finance, Bulgaria.
 - Reaction by the representative of Slovenia.
 - Discussion.
- 16:15 – 16:45 Coffee Break*
- 16:45 – 18:15 Financial reporting and cash management**
- Working Party **Financial reporting I**: presentations by Mrs. Vesna Derencin and Mrs. Mojka Voljc, Ministry of Finance, Slovenia.
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: **English** and **Russian**].
 - Working Party **Financial reporting II**: presentations by Mrs. Malgorzata Rojek, Mr. Wojciech Szala and Mr. Piotr Draganczuk, Ministry of Finance, Poland.
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: **English** and **French**].
 - Working party **Cash Management**: presentations by Mr. Jeroen Tebbens and Mr. Rens Bröcheler, Ministry of Finance, Netherlands.
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: **English** and **Serbo-Croatian**].
- 18:30 – 19:15 Drinks in Kurhaus*
- 19:15 Dinner in Kurhaus*

Thursday, 11 November 2004 (*)

- 9:00 – 10:15** **Multi-year expenditure estimates; agencies; programme budgeting**
- Working party **Multi-year expenditure estimates**: presentations by Mr. Ake Hjalmarsson, Mr. Peter Andersson and Mr. Jan Olof Lidstrom, Ministry of Finance, Sweden.
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: **English and Russian**]
 - Working party **Agencies**: presentations by Mr. Ramses Snijders, Ministry of Finance, Netherlands; Mr. Jaap Sloopmaker, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, Netherlands.
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: **English and Serbo-Croatian**].
 - Working party **Programme budgeting**: presentations by Mr. Marcelis Boereboom, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports, Netherlands and Mr. Raphael Debets, Ministry of Finance, Netherlands.
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: **English and French**]
- 10:15 – 10:30* *Coffee Break*
- 10:30 – 12:00** **Survey of the budget process of Romania**
- Presentation by Mr. Mike Ruffner, OECD Secretariat.
 - Reaction by Mr. Marc Lechantre, Ministry of Finance, France and Mr. Rimantas Veckys, Ministry of Finance, Lithuania.
 - Reaction by the representative of Romania.
 - Discussion.
- 12:00 – 14:00* *Lunch: One hour lunch at restaurant Smeets, then walking tour around the Binnenhof with a guide (visits to Parliament and the Knight's Hall).*
- 14:15 – 16:15** **Capacity building**
- Presentation by Mr. John Zevenbergen, Ecorys Research and Consulting
 - Panel discussion with Mr. Milen Veltchev, Minister of Finance of Bulgaria, Dr. Dusan Mramor, Minister of Finance of Slovenia, Mr. Barry Anderson, IMF, Mr. Robert Bonwitt, Head Sigma, OECD, Mr. Ahmet Kesik, Director-General of the Budget Turkey.
Chairman: Mr. Steven van Eyck, former State Secretary of Finance Netherlands.
- 16:15 – 16:20 **Possible Future Programme for the Network**, Mr. Alex Matheson, OECD Secretariat
- 16.20 – 16.30 **Closing remarks** by Chairman

(*) [In all plenary sessions, there will be simultaneous interpretation into English, French, Russian and Serbo-Croatian].