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Working Party of Senior Budget Officials

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

SECOND MEETING OF SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS FROM CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

**Ljubljana, Slovenia
16-17 February, 2006**

The meeting will be hosted by the Slovenian Ministry of Finance and the Center of Excellence in Finance. It will be held in Hotel Kokra, Margareta Hall, Brdo, Slovenia.

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

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REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

**2nd MEETING OF SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS
FROM CENTRAL, EASTERN, AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

Ljubljana, February 16-17, 2006

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

19:00 – 20:30 *Reception hosted by Minister of Finance, Mr. Andrej BAJUK*

Thursday, February 16, 2006

- 9:00 – 9:15 Opening and introductory remarks by Chairman, Mr. Richard Emery, United States
- 9:15 – 9:30 Introduction by Mr. Ziga Lavric, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Slovenia
- 9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and opening remarks by the Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD, Mrs. Odile Sallard
- 9:45 – 10:45 Introduction of participants and recent developments in countries – Part I
- 10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*
- 11:15 – 11:45 Introduction of participants and recent developments in countries – Part II
- 11:45 – 12:45 **Presentation 1 - Role of the ministry of Finance in the budget process**
- Presentation by David Shand , World Bank
 - Reaction by Montenegro and Slovak Republic
 - Reaction on "Capacity development in the budget process", by Dr. Matthias Witt, GTZ
- 12:45 – 15:00 *Lunch with sightseeing of the estate Brdo*
- 15:00 – 16:30 **Workshop 1**¹
- a) *Workshop 1a: Organic budget law* (moderator and presentation Poland)
 - b) *Workshop 1b: Fiscal rules* (moderator and presentation Sweden)
 - c) *Workshop 1c: Accounting standards for the public sector in transition countries* (moderator Prof. Noel Hepworth, presentation Slovenia)
- 16:30 – 17:00 *Coffee Break*
- 17:00 – 18:30 **Survey of the budget process in Croatia**
- Presentation by Mr. Daniel Bergvall, OECD Secretariat
 - Examination by the delegates of the Czech Republic and France
 - Reaction by the delegate of Croatia
- 19:00 *Departure to Bled*
- 19:30 *Drinks and dinner at Bled*

¹ Workshops 1a and 1b will have simultaneous translation in Russian. Workshop 1c will have simultaneous translation in Serbian and Croatian.



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Friday, February 17, 2006

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Survey of the budget process in Georgia**
- Presentation by Mr. Dirk-Jan Kraan, OECD Secretariat
 - Examination by the delegates of Hungary and Turkey
 - Reaction by the delegate of Georgia
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Workshop 2**²
- a) *Workshop 2a: Multi-annual frameworks and expenditure estimates* (moderator and presentation Turkey)
 - b) *Workshop 2b: IT solutions* (moderator Slovenia, presentations Croatia and Sweden)
 - c) *Workshop 2c: Budget and cash* (moderator and presentation the Netherlands)
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Panel - Priorities for budget reforms**, with:
- Dr. Andrej Bajuk, Chair, Minister of Finance, Slovenia
 - Dr. Dusan Mramor, former Minister of Finance, Slovenia
 - Mr. Mitja Gaspari, Governor of the Bank of Slovenia
 - Mr. Eivind Tandberg, IMF
 - Mr. Barry Anderson, OECD Secretariat
 - Mr. Balázs Romhányi, Deputy Head of Financial Policy Affairs, Hungary
 - Dr. Martin Worms, Head of Budget Division, Ministry of Finance of the State Hesse, Germany (to be confirmed)
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Discussion on programme of work of the Network**
- Contributions about comparable networks by Jon Blondal (Asian SBO Network); Barry Anderson (Latin American SBO Network), Neil Cole (African SBO Network); Dick Emery (OECD SBO Network)
- Next budget reviews
 - Next meeting
- 16:00 – 16:10 **Closing remarks**
- 16:30 *Departure to Ljubljana*
- 17:15 – 18:15 *Sightseeing*
- 19:00 *Dinner at vine cellar*

² Workshops 2a and 2c will have simultaneous translation in Russian. Workshop 2b will have simultaneous translation in Serbian and Croatian.