



Stability Pact Anti-Corruption Initiative

6th Steering Group Meeting

Tuesday, 23 September 2003

Sarajevo

FINAL AGENDA

This agenda has been developed by the OECD-based SPAI Secretariat and approved by the 6th SPAI Steering Group in Sarajevo, on 23 September 2003.



Background

The Stability Pact Anti-Corruption Initiative (SPAI) was launched in Sarajevo on 16 February 2000 as a regional framework for the countries of South Eastern Europe to take effective measures to fight all types of corruption at all levels, in line with international standards. The Initiative has become a comprehensive framework for capacity building of the regional countries through ongoing policy dialogue and sharing of expertise, best practices and lessons learned in the anti-corruption field.

The 6th Steering Group Meeting was important in that it marked the beginning of the transition of the Initiative to regional ownership. A visible benchmark of this process will be the official opening of the Regional Secretariat Liaison Office (RSLO), which is scheduled to take place during the regional meeting of the Ministers of Justice under the South-East European Co-operation Process, on 27-28 October 2003.

Objectives

The main objective of the 6th Steering Group meeting was the discussion of the future Strategy of the SPAI, defining the objectives for 2003 and beyond. The meeting also discussed the set-up and role that the RSLO will play in order to implement the strategy. To this end, a draft Strategy and draft Terms of Reference for the RSLO have been circulated to SPAI Steering Group members for feedback in advance of the meeting. Donor countries were expected to explore possibilities to contribute to the functions of the RSLO. The meeting further gave an up-date on the implementation of ongoing SPAI projects and discussed donor programming and technical assistance projects.

Outcomes

The meeting had to agree and adopt the SPAI Strategy and the Terms of Reference for the RSLO.

Participants

Invited were Senior Representatives from all SPAI countries (another governmental delegate may be nominated should the Senior Representative be unable to attend) and representatives from SPAI supporting countries and international organisations.

Logistics

The Steering Group Meeting took place in the Common Institutions Building in Sarajevo. The address is **Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1**. The registration will start at 8:00 a.m. The OECD-based SPAI Secretariat covered the travel and accommodation costs for representatives of the national governments of the SPAI countries. Unless other arrangements were made separately, all participants stayed at the Holiday Inn hotel, which is located in front of the Common Institutions Building. The address of the hotel is **Zmaja od Bosne, 4**.

The working language of the meeting was English; no translation facility was provided.

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8:00 REGISTRATION

Venue: Common Institutions Building of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2nd floor, Conference Room II

Morning Coffee/Tea

Chair of the Steering Group Meeting: Professor Ugo Draetta

8:30-8:50 OPENING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Opening address by Professor Ugo Draetta
- Adoption of the agenda by participants

8:50-10:30 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE SPAI

Chair/Facilitator: Professor Ugo Draetta

- Presentation of the draft SPAI Strategy and of the mandate and objectives it sets for the future of the Initiative, Professor Ugo Draetta, Ms Vera Gündel, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD
- Discussion by the Steering Group members
- Adoption of Strategy

10:30-10:45 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

10:45-12:30 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT LIASON OFFICE

Chair/Facilitator: Professor Ugo Draetta

- Briefing on the status of the establishment of the RSLO, Mr Josip Brkić, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Presentation of the draft Terms of Reference for the RSLO (ToR), Mr Frederic Vogel, US Department of State
- Discussion

12:30-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

Venue: Restaurant of the Common Institutions Building of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ground floor

14:00-15:00 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT LIASON OFFICE (CONT.)

- Continuation of discussion
- Adoption of ToR
- Discussion and decision on the Executive Secretary and the Anti-corruption expert positions (if the staff structure is adopted)

15:00-15:45 DONOR SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT LIAISON OFFICE

- Foundation for widening donor support for the RSLO, Mr Sorin Sterie, Special Coordinator Office of the Stability Pact for the South East Europe
- Views and proposals of SPAI-supporting countries and organizations
- Discussion

15:45-16:30 UP-DATE ON ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SPAI

- OECD targeted technical assistance projects, Ms Vera Gündel, Mr Steven Bate, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD
- US technical assistance activities, Mr Erik Larson, ABA/CEELI
- Other progress reports [Mr Alexander Seger, Council of Europe; Mr Hans Rundegren, European Commission]

Questions/Comments

16:30-16:45 COFFEE/TEA