Working Party of Senior Budget Officials

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

SECOND MEETING OF SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS FROM CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN 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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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
   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.
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
   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

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