

ECPD International Symposium

NATIONAL AND INTER-ETHNIC RECONCILIATION AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Belgrade, October 28 – 29, 2005

Belgrade City Hall
Dragoslava Jovanovića Street N° 2

A G E N D A

Thursday, 27 October 2005

Arrival and accommodation of participants

Friday, 28 October 2005

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants

09.30 – 10.30 **Opening ceremony**

Takehiro Togo, Chairman of the Symposium and President of the ECPD Council:
Words of welcome.

Boris Tadić: Welcome address.

Message from **Boutros Boutros-Ghali**, Former Secretary General of UN

Takehiro Togo: Introductory speech.

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 13.00 **First Session: Needs for and Obstacles to Reconciliation**

Chairman: *Takehiro Togo*

10.45 – 12.00 **Programme:**

Good Governance for the World in Crisis, *James Mancham*, President of the World Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, former President of Seychelles;

Contribution to National Reconciliation through Regional Cooperation,

Janez Stanovnik, Professor of International Political and Economic Sciences

UNICEF Executive Secretary (1968-1982); President of the Republic of Slovenia (1988-1990)

National and Religious Composition of the Western Balkan Countries,

Milutin Lješević, Professor, University of Belgrade;

Helping for Reconciliation: a Role for NATO,

Patrice Dabos, Department of Public Diplomacy, NATO Headquarters;

Comments and observations: Needs for and Obstacles to Reconciliation –

Russian experience, *Oleg Bogomolov*, Academician, Honorary Director, Institute for International Economics and Political Science, Academy of Sciences, Moscow;



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12.00 – 13.00 **Open discussion**

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

15.00 – 17.00 **Second Session: What Can We Learn From Conflict Resolutions Outside the Balkans**

Chairman: *Yasushi Akashi*, former Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for the Former Yugoslavia

15.00 – 16.00

Programme:

Inter-Ethnic Reconciliation in the Southern Tirol, Italy (lessons learned), *Jens Woelk*, Professor, University of Trento;

Harmonizing diversity in Spain: lessons and challenges, *Alfonso Ojeda Marin*, Professor, University of Madrid, Spain;

Reconciliation Through Development, *Jonathan Bradley*, University of West of England, United Kingdom;

Possible Reconciliation in the Middle East, case of Lebanon, *Samir Nassif*, University of Monaco;

16.00 – 17.00

Open Discussion

17.00 – 17.15

Coffee break

17.15 – 19.00

Third Session: The Ways of Achieving the Inter-Confessional Tolerance

Chairman: *Darko Tanasković*, Ambassador of the State Union of the Serbia and Montenegro to the Holy See, Rome

17.15 – 18.15

Programme:

Religious Tolerance, *Christine Samanadari-Hakim*, Communauté Internationale Baha'ie, Paris;

Religious Conflicts and National Reconciliation in the Balkans, *Milan Vukomanović*, Professor, University of Belgrade;

Conciliatory Potentials of the Inter-confessional Dialogue, *Darko Tanasković*;

Paradigms on Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Wisdom of Peoples' Proverbs and Sayings, *Yves-Rastimir Nedeljković*, Director of the ECPD Social Studies and Professor of the ECPD International Postgraduate Studies;

Overview of Inter-Confessional Tolerance in former Yugoslavia, compared study with former USSR, *Valentin Yakushik*, Deputy Director of the Institute of European Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Professor of University Kiev-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

18.15 – 19.00

Open Discussion

20.00

Reception hosted by Takehiro Togo

Saturday, 29 October 2005

09.00 – 11.30

Fourth Session: Conflict Prevention and Crisis Management

Chairman: *Janez Stanovnik*

09.00 – 10.30

Programme:

Institutional Organizing Peace Resolution, *Svetozar Livada*, Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia;

New Mechanisms of Reconciliation, Confidence, Stability and Development, *Janez Stanovnik*



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Vojvodina – Tolerance on Trial: Can Positive Examples Prevail in Relation to Negative Ones, *Losoncz Alpar*, Professor at University of Novi Sad;

Europe: French-German Reconciliation, *Armand Clesse*, Director, IEIS, Luxembourg;

Implementation of the Ohrid Accords, *Islam Yusufi*, Former Adviser to the President of Macedonia (FYR);

Finalization of the Status of Kosovo – Contribution to Peace and Stability in the Western Balkans, *Paskal Milo*, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania; Professor, University of Tirana, Albania;

10.30 – 11.30 **Open Discussion**

11.30 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 14.15 **Fifth Session: The Role of the Mass-Media, Reconciliation and Tolerance**
Chairman: *Oleg Bogomolov*, Academician, Honorary Director, Institute for International Economics and Political Science, Academy of Sciences, Moscow; author of more than 400 published works in Russian and several other languages.

11.45 – 13.00 **Programme:**

European Experience: Story of the Success, *Wolte Wolfgang*, Ambassador; Austrian Society for European Politics, Vienna

The Role of the Mass-media in Building of the National Reconciliation, *Damir Kukuć*, Professor, University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Significance of "Women's Network" in Development of Culture of Peace and Tolerance, *Melita Richter*, Professor, University of Trieste, Italy;

Peace and Love as Principles of Life, *Pavle Bujanja*, Professor, University of Niš, Serbia;

Peace Education Implementation Programme – Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Radmila Jakovljević*, Professor, Programme of Peace Education, Sarajevo and Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Role of Healthcare Development in Prosperity and Reconciliation in Local Areas, *Samir Banoob*, Professor, New York State University, USA;

13.00 – 14.00 **Open Discussion**

14.00 – 14.15 **Concluding Remarks by the Chairman of the Symposium**

14.15 – 15.00 **Meeting the Press**

15.00 – 17.00 Lunch

Sunday, October 30, 2005 – Departure of participants

Working language: English, and Serbian as an official language of the ECPD host-country with simultaneous translation.