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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE
IN THE BALKANS

- RECONCILIATION AND HUMAN SECURITY -

Belgrade, October 27-28, 2006

Belgrade City Hall
Dragoslova Jovanovića Street № 2

AGENDA

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Afternoon Arrival of participants
17:00 – 20:00 ECPD International Permanent Study Group session, ECPD Headquarters, Terazije 41:
- Study Group activities: an overview;
- Preparation of the Report/Statement for the Conference
- Definition of Tentative Study Group Programme of Work in 2007
20:30 – 22:00 Joint Working Dinner at Restaurant “Madera”

Friday, October 27, 2006

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants
09:30 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony
Introduction: Academician Branislav ŠOŠKIĆ, Rector of ECPD International Postgraduate Studies
Welcome Speech Chairman: H.E. Takehiro TOGO, President of the ECPD Council

Steering Committee:
· H.E. Yasushi AKASHI, Former UN Secretary-General Envoy to Former Yugoslavia, Japan;
· Sir James MANCHAM, President, Global Peace Council of Universal Peace Federation (UPF); Founding President of Seychelles, Seychelles;
· Academician Vladimir STIPETIĆ, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Croatia;
· Academician Boris SHMELEV, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation;
· Dr. Christine SAMANDARI-HAKIM, Communauté Internationale Baha’ie, Paris, France;
· Valentin YAKUSHIK, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine;
· Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE, Austrian Society for European Politics, Vienna; Austria;
· Ambassador Tadashi NAGAI, Ambassador of Japan to Serbia and Montenegro;
· Dr. Yong Cheol SONG, Chairman of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Europe;
· Ambassador Peter BAS-BACKER, Senior Deputy High Representative, OHR, B&H;

Introductory speech:
· H.E. Takehiro TOGO, President of the ECPD Academic Council

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45 First working session:
BALKAN PROBLEMS IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT
Discussion Leader: Sir James MANCHAM
Speakers:
- H.E. Yasushi AKASHI;
- Prof. Dr Samir BANOOb, Professor, Johns Hopkins University, South Florida & NY, USA - "Preserving Human Rights in Peace and Complex Emergencies: Strategies for the Balkans";
- Dr. Branislav GOŠOVIĆ, South Commission, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE;
- Milomir Mihaljević, Advisor of the Prime Minister of Montenegro;

Open discussion:
- Prof. Dr. Valentin YAKUSHIK;
- Dr. Branislav GOŠOVIĆ;
- Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE;
- Prof. Dr. Miroslav JOVANOVIĆ, Professor, UN Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva;
- Svetozar STOJANOVIC, Serbian-American Society, Belgrade, Serbia;
- Prof. Dr Slobodan LANG, University of Zagreb, Croatia;
- H.E. Yasushi AKASHI;
- Prof. Dr. Yves-Rastimir NEDELJKOVIĆ, Professor, ECPD Postgraduate Studies;

11:45 – 14:30
Second working session:
LESSONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE FINAL DEMISE OF YUGOSLAVIA
Discussion Leader: Prof. Dr. Charles INGRAO, Professor, University of Purdue, USA – “Democracy & Dissolution”
Speakers:
- Prof. Dr. H. James BURGWYN, Professor, West Chester University, Philadelphia, USA “Roots of Modern Conflict in the Western Balkans: World War II”;
- Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav DOMLJAN, Professor, University of Sarajevo, B&H "Institutional vacuum and rule of law”;
- Prof. Dr. Vern REDEKOP, Professor, University of Saint Paul, Canada “Lessons Learned: Reconciliation of Past Conflict May Prevent the Next”;
- Azem VLLASI, Lawyer, Priština – “Solving of Status of Kosovo as a Precondition for the Normalization of Serbian – Albanian Relations”;

Open discussion:
- Darko TAÑASKOVIĆ, Ambassador of Serbia to the Holy See;
- Prof. Dr. Miroslav JOVANOVIĆ;
- Prof. Dr. Jeffrey LEVETT, National School of Health, Athens, Greece;

14:30 – 16:15 Lunch

16:15 – 17:45
Third working session:
RECONCILIATION: HOW TO AVOID THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND COUNTER-VIOLENCE IN THE BALKANS
Discussion Leader: Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE – “How to Avoid Violence”
Speakers:
- Prof. Dr. Jeffrey LEVETT, “Health within the Framework of Human Security”;
- Prof. Dr. Vitomir POPOVIĆ, Professor, University of Banja Luka, RS/B&H; "Experience in Reconciliation and Tolerance in Bosnia & Herzegovina”;
- Ambassador Peter Bas-BACKER, Senior Deputy High Representative, OHR, B&H;
- Prof. Dr Slobodan LANG;
- Prof. Dr. Enes HASIĆ, Professor, University of Banja Luka, RS/B&H;
- Prof. Dr. Robert DONIA, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, USA - “Reconciliation and Reintegration: Experiences and Prospects”
17:45 – 18:15 Coffee break

18:15 – 19:15 **Fourth working session:**
**CONTRIBUTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN RECONCILING THE TWO OPPOSITE TENDENCIES: THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND THE BALKAN FRAGMENTATION**
- **Discussion Leader:** Academician Boris SHMELEV, Director, Center for Political, Research, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation;
- **Speakers:**
  - Dr Yong Cheol Song, Chairman of UPF Europe;
  - Prof. Dr. Islam YUSUFI, Center for Policy Studies, Budapest, Hungary
  - "Progress in National Reconciliation in Macedonia”;
  - Dr Srđan CVIJIĆ, Stability Pact for SEE, - “The Stability Pact Contribution in SEE Reconciliation”;
  - Prof. Dr. Valentin YAKUSHIK – “Administrative Restructuring of Inter-Regional and Inter-ethnic Relations: Confronting Types of Solutions”;
  - Prof. Dr. Melita RICHTER, University of Trieste, Italy
  - "The Challenges of the EU Enlargement: New Frontiers – Old Fears”;

Saturday, October 28, 2006

09:15 – 09:40 **Fourth working session, continuation:**
- **Speakers:**
  - Prof. Dr. Alfonso OJEDA, Professor, University of Madrid, Spain
  - "Immigration in the EU: Risks and Opportunities”;
  - Prof. Dr. Matilda CARLON, Professor, Complutens University, Madrid, Spain
  - "Recent developments of the Spanish model of decentralization under the European framework”;
  - Open discussion
  - Prof. Dr. Miroslav JOVANOVIĆ;

09:40 – 11:15 **Fifth working session:**
**EDUCATION FOR PEACE AND TOLERANCE**
- **Discussion Leader:** Academician Dragan VUKČEVIĆ, Academy of Sciences and Arts of Montenegro
- **Speakers:**
  - Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav DOMLJAN;
  - Prof. Dr. Yves-Rastimir NEDELJKOVIĆ, “Education in View of Human Rights and Duties, Mutual Confidence and (Word of Honour)”;
  - Sanja PAUNOVSKI, PR Manager, Project “Primus”, Skopje, Macedonia, "Building bridges between ethnic groups in Macedonia”;
  - Dr. Armand CLESSE, Director, Institute for European and International Studies, Luxembour - “Regional integration and reconciliation: the theory and practice”;
  - Dr. Christine SAMANDARI-HAKIM, Communaute Internationale Baha’ie, Paris, "A Global Approach to Local Challenges”;
  - Despina SYRRI, Board member of Humanitarian Defence, South and East Research Center, Athens, Greece, “Migration, Education, and Development in South East Europe: An Overview of the Issues and Trends”;
  - Open discussion
  - Prof. Dr. Vern REDEKOP;
  - Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav DOMLJAN;
• Ambassador Peter Bas-BACKER;
• Sir James MANCHAM;
• H.E. Takehiro TOGO;
• Prof. Dr Pavle BUBANJA, University of Niš, Serbia;
• Prof. Dr. Melita RICHTER;
• Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE;
• Dr. Armand CLESSE;
• Prof. Dr. Tihomir JOVANOFSKI, Professor, University of Skopje, Macedonia;
• Aleksandra Zirojević, Christian Cultural Centre, Belgrade, Serbia;
• Prof. Dr Samir BANOOR;
• Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav DOMLJAN;

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Sixth working session:
TOLERANCE: RELIGIONS’ FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES RELATED TO PEACE, TOLERANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE WAYS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION
Discussion Leader: Darko TANASKOVIĆ, "Religion and Politics in the Western Balkans”.
Speakers:
• Prof. Dr. Radovan BIGOVIĆ, Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Belgrade;
  President of Christian Cultural Centre, Belgrade, Serbia
  "Orthodox Religion in United Europe”;
• Stanislaw Hočevar, Archbishop of Belgrade;
• Mufti Hadži Hamdija JUSUFSPAHIĆ, Islamic Religious Community Belgrade;
• Academician Vladeta JEROTIĆ, Professor, Faculty of Theology, Belgrade, Serbia;
• Prof. Dr. Nilgun SARP, Professor, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey
  “Women in Islam”;
• Prof. Dr. Boško BOJOVIĆ, Professor, Faculty for Social Studies, Paris, France
  "Confession, Identity, Modernity – Serbia and Challenges of Yugoslav Heritage in Transition”;
• Prof. Dr. Radovan BIGOVIĆ;
• Mila ALECKOVIC-NIKOLIC, Representative of Serbian Diaspora in France, Paris, France
  “Spirituality in Modern Liberalism”;

13:15 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 16:45 Seventh working session:
DEVELOPMENT AND RECONCILIATION
Discussion Leader: Academician Vladimir STIPETIĆ – “Where we were and where we have come – 1970 – 2005”
Speakers:
• Prof. Dr. Jonathan BRADLEY, Professor, University of West England, UK;
• Prof. Dr. Miroslav JOVANOVIĆ;
• “How much European Union needs Serbia, how much Serbia needs European Union”;
• Prof. Dr. Nano RUŽIN, Macedonian Ambassador to NATO,
  “Macedonian experience, NATO and reconciliation”;
• Academician Ljubiša ADAMOVIĆ, Professor, Florida State University, USA;
• Tomaž VUGA, Vice-Mayor of Nova Gorica, Slovenia - "Two towns – one Space” –
  presentation held by Melita ROGELJ, ECPD Branch Office Brussels;
16:45 – 17:00 Presentation of the UPF Programme on Peace and Tolerance
Leader of the Presentation: Mark BRANN, Secretary General of the European Chapter of the UPF (Universal Peace Federation);

17:00 – 17:45 Final Discussion and Conclusions
Chairman: H.E. Takehiro TOGO
Drawing up of the Concluding remarks
Elaboration of the Tentative programme of work of the ECPD International Permanent Study Group for the incoming period
Open discussion:
- Prof. Dr. Don Wallace Jr., Professor, Georgetown University Washington D.C., Chairman of the Board, International Law Institute (ILI);
- Prof. Dr. Radovan BIGOVIĆ;
- Hadži Hamdija JUSUFSPAHIĆ;
- Stanislav Hočevar;
- Azem VLLASI;
- Sir James MANCHAM;
- Prof. Dr Samir BANOOb;
- Prof. Dr. Momčilo Sakan, Professor, ECPD;
- H.E. Takehiro TOGO;

18:00 Reception at City Hall, hosted by H.E. Takehiro TOGO, President of ECPD Council and Chairman of the Conference

Working language: English and Serbian - official language of the ECPD host country, simultaneous translation service available
Technical facilities: Computer with MS office for Power Point presentations, video projector, slides projector