Working Party of Senior Budget Officials

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

5th ANNUAL MEETING OF SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS OF CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTH EASTERN EUROPEAN (CESEE) COUNTRIES

St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
25-26 June 2009

The meeting will be hosted by the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation. It will be held at the Hotel Angleterre in St. Petersburg.

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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Interpretation into English, Russian and Serbo-Croatian will be provided.

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Wednesday 24 June 2009

19.30-21.30 Welcome reception at the Hotel Angleterre

Thursday 25 June 2009

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:00 Opening and introductory remarks by Mr. Richard Emery, Chair, the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, and the OECD Secretariat

10:00-11:15 Delegates’ introductions and group photo

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 Presentation 1 - The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Budget Policy in Central and Eastern Europe

- Presentation by Mr. Zsolt Darvas, Fellow of the European Economic Research Institute- Bruegel, Brussels
- Reactions by the Delegates of the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Moldova
- Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Workshop session 1

Workshop 1a -- National fiscal policy and EU coordination: rules and institutions
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Serbo-Croatian]

- Moderator: Hungary
- Presentations: Mr. Christian Kastrop (Germany); Ms. Marta Postula (Poland)

Workshop 1b -- Experiences with budget reform
[Simultaneous interpretation in English only ]

- Moderator: Mr. Bojan Pogacar (Slovenia)
- Presentations: Turkey; Russia

Workshop 1c -- The budget classification: how many articles should there be in the budget law and how should they be defined?
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Russian]

- Moderator: Romania
- Presentations: Mr. Brian Olden (IMF); Ukraine
16:00-16:30 Coffee break
16:30-16:45 Report on the Workshops in the plenary session
16:45-18:15 Budget review of Bulgaria
   • Presentation by Mr. Ian Hawkesworth (OECD Secretariat) and Dr. Kristin Saenger, Economist, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
   • Examination by the Delegates of Lithuania and Mr. Michael Ruffner, Director of the Office of Technical Assistance, US Department of the Treasury
   • Reaction by the Delegate of Bulgaria
   • Discussion
19:00 Evening programme
Friday 26 June 2009

9:30-11:00 Workshop session 2

Workshop 2a -- Budgeting for investment
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Serbo-Croatian]
- Moderator: Poland
- Presentations: Mr. Dusan Mramor (Professor); OECD Secretariat (SIGMA)

Workshop 2b -- Improving parliamentary scrutiny
[Simultaneous interpretation in English only]
- Moderator: Croatia
- Presentations: Ms. Chiara Goretti (Italy); Latvia; Mr. Allen Schick (Professor)

Workshop 2c -- How much performance information should go into the budget documentation?
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Russian]
- Moderator: Estonia
- Presentations: Mr. Helmer Vossers (Netherlands); Czech Republic

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-11:45 Report on the Workshops in the plenary session

11:45-13:15 Budget review of Latvia
- Presentation by Mr. Dirk-Jan Kraan (OECD Secretariat)
- Examination by the Delegates of Moldova and Germany
- Reaction by the Delegate of Latvia
- Discussion

13:15-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Presentation 2 - The Problem of Off-budget Public Spending in Central and Eastern Europe
- Presentation by Prof. Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Director of TIGER Institute at the Kozminski University of Warsaw, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Poland
- Reaction by the Delegates of Montenegro and the Russian Federation
- Discussion

16:00-16:30 Coffee break
16:30-17:45 **Panel: The impact of the financial crisis on fiscal discipline and fiscal sustainability**

- Chair: Mr. Alexey Lavrov, Director of the Budget Policy Department of the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation
- Mr. Barry Anderson, Head of the Budgeting and Public Expenditures Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD
- Prof. Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Director of TIGER Institute at the Kozminski University of Warsaw, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Poland
- Prof. Dusan Mramor, Professor of Public Finance at the University of Ljubljana and former Minister of Finance of Slovenia
- Dr. Matthias Witt, Head of the Public Finance Division, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
- Mr. Marco Cangiano, Head of the Public Financial Management Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
- Mr. Zsolt Darvas, Fellow of the European Economic Research Institute - Bruegel, Brussels
- Prof. Allen Schick, Professor of Public Policy at the University of Maryland, United States
- Mrs. Nina Lupan, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Moldova

19:00 **Evening programme**