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Til

delegationens medlemmer og stedfortrædere.

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**OSCE – Konference i Bulgarien**

Herved følger kopi af modtaget invitation til deltagelse i  
Parliamentary Conference on the Fight Against Organized Crime in South Eastern Europe  
i Bulgarien den 11.-12. november 2004

Rejsen går til: Sofia, Bulgarien

I perioden: 11.- 12. november 2004

Evt.: Bemærk venligst, at der kan deltage én fra hvert valgforbund

Ja, jeg vil gerne deltage

Nej, jeg kan desværre ikke deltage

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Lokalnr.: \_\_\_\_\_

Rejse-/flytider (*inkl. oplysninger om evt. tilslutningsbillet*) bedes venligst indhentet hos Rejsekontoret og koordineret med medlemmet, **inden** de næste punkter udfyldes. Først derefter skal blanketten returneres hurtigst muligt til undertegnede i Parlamentarisk Afdeling med besked om deltagelse.

**Evt. tilslutningsbillet:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Frist for aflevering: 20. oktober 2004

SAS Eurobonusbillet:

(Såfremt nok optjente points og ud/hjem med samme flyselskab)

Med venlig hilsen

*Britt Thøgersen*

1. udvalgssekretariat



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

## INVITATION

To: Speakers of Parliament of the OSCE participating States and Japan

CC: Heads of National Delegations to the OSCE PA

7 October 2004

Mr/Madam Speaker,

The Parliamentary Troika on the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe has been working since June 2001. The Troika is composed of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament. In 2004 the OSCE PA holds the rotating Presidency of the Troika. The Troika has, in close cooperation with the Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, organized annual Parliamentary Conferences on issues, which are important to the further development and stabilization of South Eastern Europe.

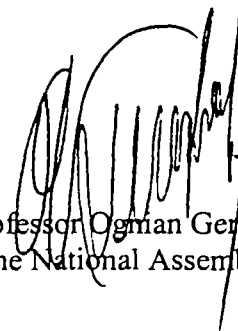
The OSCE PA, together with the Parliament of Bulgaria, will organize a **Parliamentary Conference on the Fight Against Organized Crime in South Eastern Europe**. The Conference will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 11-12 November 2004. We have enclosed the agenda of the Conference for your information. Other information and the registration form are also enclosed.

We wish to extend an invitation to your Parliament, Mr/Madam Speaker, to send two Members to participate at the Parliamentary Conference in Sofia. We feel that your Parliament's contribution would be very much appreciated bearing in mind your country's important role in South Eastern Europe.

Yours sincerely,



Alcee Hastings  
President of the OSCE PA



Professor Ogman Gerdjikov  
Speaker of the National Assembly of Bulgaria

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Parliamentary Conference on

### FIGHT AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME in South Eastern Europe

Sofia, 11-12 November 2004

Organized by the OSCE PA under the auspices of the Parliamentary Troika on the Stability Pact, composed of Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and the European Parliament

Hosted by the Parliament of Bulgaria

Supported by the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

#### Wednesday, 10 November

Arrival of Delegates  
16.00 – 18.00 Registration

#### Thursday, 11 November

08.00 - Registration

09.30 - 11.00 **Opening Session**

- Adrian Severin, MP (Romania), Personal Representative of the President of the OSCE PA

- Prof. Ognian Gerdjikov, Speaker of National Assembly of Bulgaria P

- Representative of the PA CE

- Representative of the European Parliament

- Dr. Erhard Busek, Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact

Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00 **First Working Session: "Fight Against International Organized Crime – National Legislation and Challenges to Legislators"**

Chair: Panos Kammenos (Greece), Vice-President of the OSCE PA

- Introductory speaker: Giovanni Kessler, MP (Italy), Vice-President of the OSCE PA
- Keynote comments:  
Member of PA CE  
Member of the European Parliament  
Vladimir Donchev, MP (Bulgaria)
- Debate

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

15.00 – 16.20 **Second Working Session: "Fight Against International Organized Crime – International Cooperation"**

Chair: Member of PA CE

- Introductory Speaker: Member of the European Parliament
- Keynote comments:  
Hugo Coveliers, MP (Belgium), Member of the OSCE PA
- Debate

Coffee break

16.40 – 18.00 **Third Working Session: "Fight Against Corruption"**

Chair: Member of the European Parliament

- Introductory Speaker: Member of PA CE
- Keynote comment: Arta Dade, MP (Albania), Member of the OSCE PA

20.00 Social event

Friday, 12 November

09.00 – 11.30 **Working Groups** (two separate meetings)

1. "International Co-operation"  
Chair: Member of PA CE

2. "Fight Against Organized Crime and Corruption"  
Chair: Member of the European Parliament

Coffee brake

12.00 – 13.30 **Closing Session**, Chair: Adrian Severin, MP (Romania)  
Reports of the debates at the Working Groups

Debate  
Conclusions of the Chair

14.00 Press Conference

Saturday, 13 November (full day)

Excursion to Plovdiv, which is famous for its Ancient and Renaissance places of interest

## General Information

### BULGARIA

Bulgaria is a part of the Balkan Peninsula in South Eastern Europe. The state of Bulgaria was first founded in 681 A.D. and since then has a long and varied history.

### MEETING VENUE

The Parliamentary Conference will be held at the Boyana Residence. The residence is located at the foot of the Vitosha Mountain, only 10 km from the city centre.

### OFFICIAL AGENT

The organization of the event will be ensured by the Company for International Meetings (CIM) Ltd. – the official agent of the meeting in co-operation with the Bulgarian National Assembly.

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### CIM INFORMATION DESK

The CIM Information Desk will be located next to the working halls. It will operate from Wednesday, 10 November and will stay open till the end of the Conference. Participants can address the CIM representatives for information on hotel accommodation, transportation, working and tourist programme, social events.

### LANGUAGES

Simultaneous interpretation into English, French and Russian will be provided during the Conference.

### TRANSPORTATION FROM/TO THE AIRPORT

Free of charge transfers upon arrival and departure will be organized for all participants according to the information given in the reservation form. Precise travel information should be given to CIM at least two weeks prior to arrival.

### SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Shuttle bus service will be provided for participants from the three hotels to the meeting venue according to the programme (the journey takes about 10-15 minutes). Detailed timetable will be provided at the CIM Information Desk.

### ACCOMMODATION

Participants can make their choice of hotel accommodation by filling in the Hotel & Tours Reservation Form, where three hotels of different category have been offered.

➤ **Kempinski Hotel Zografski** /[www.kempinski.bg/](http://www.kempinski.bg/) is situated in a lovely area, viewing the Vitosha Mountain and within a walking distance to the city centre. Capacity: 450 guestrooms and suites. Conference halls provided with modern technical equipment offer excellent possibilities for business meetings, seminars, receptions and exhibitions. Four restaurants, business centre, full bank service, shopping arcade, room service and sports centre with swimming pool are all at the disposal of the guests. The hotel is situated within 15 minutes walking distance from the city centre.

➤ **Crystal Palace Hotel** /[www.crystalpalace-sofia.com/](http://www.crystalpalace-sofia.com/) is located in the very heart of Sofia. The hotel rooms and suites are sunny and spacious and all have air-conditioning, direct telephone line, Internet access, in-room safe-box, mini-bar, cable TV. The hotel disposes of a restaurant and lobby-bar, room service, business and sport centre.

➤ **The Central Hotel Forum** /[www.central-hotel.com/](http://www.central-hotel.com/) is situated in a calm living area, 10 min. by car from the administrative centre of Sofia. The hotel offers charm and atmosphere and its rooms and suites have all air conditioning, Internet access, in-room safe-box, mini-bar and TV satellite system.

Check-in time is 2:00 p.m. Checkout time is 12:00 p.m.

## EXCURSION

### Tour to Plovdiv

Saturday, 13 November, 9:00 h.

More ancient than Bulgaria itself, the country's second largest city preserves vivid memories of its turbulent and dramatic fate. Successor of ancient Philippopolis, Plovdiv is a real parade of antiquities and painters' paradise with Thracian fortifications overlaid with Byzantine walls and colorful 19th century Bulgarian houses, Christian churches and Ottoman mosques.

### TOURIST PROGRAMME (optional)

#### ◆ Sightseeing tour of Sofia

Wednesday, 10 November, 14:00 h. Friday, 12 November, 14:00 h.

A tour of the city could be a good way to make a quick journey in time. You will visit the most remarkable historic and cultural monuments of the Bulgarian capital.

#### ◆ One-day tour to Koprivshitsa

Thursday, 11 November, 9:00 h.

The small museum-town is a lovely ensemble of Revival houses, impressive churches and arched bridges, all nestled in a valley amid wooden hills. No other Bulgarian museum town boasts such a large number of houses and monuments 383 in all. It is the place where the first shot of the April Rising was fired in 1876, which caused the outbreak of the Russian-Turkish War of 1877-1878.

#### ◆ Tour to the Rila Monastery

Friday, 12 November, 9:00 h.

Situated in the heart of the Rila Mountain, the monastery is famed for both its architecture and its mountainous setting. It is Bulgaria's biggest monastery, visited by 600,000 people every year, a national museum and unique monument of culture. The Monastery is on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

#### ◆ Folk-style Dinner

Friday, 12 November, 20:00 h.

An enjoyable evening at a folk-style restaurant where you will have the opportunity to try the cuisine and wines of Bulgaria and to enjoy typical Bulgarian folk dances and songs.

## PAYMENTS

**Advance payments** of hotel accommodation and tours should be arranged to CIM bank account indicated on the reservation form or by credit card not later than 11 October 2004.

**On site payments** should be settled upon arrival at the CIM Information Desk at Boyana Residence in cash, travelers' cheques and credit cards.

## CONFIRMATION LETTER

A letter of confirmation will be sent to participants on receipt of reservation form and the respective payment. Participants are kindly requested to present the letter at the CIM Desk.

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

Only valid passports are required from all the EU countries. Entry visas from other foreign residents are required when entering Bulgaria. The entry visas can be obtained from the Bulgarian Embassies or consulate offices. Please check the nearest Bulgarian Embassy all the documents required for your country. Personal letters of invitation will be issued upon request. You can also check on [www.mfa.government.bg/index\\_en.html](http://www.mfa.government.bg/index_en.html).

## MONETARY SYSTEM

The national currency is the Bulgarian Lev. Bank notes of the following denominations are in circulation: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 Levs. 1 Euro = 1,96 Levs.

## CLIMATE

Moderate continental climate: mild spring and autumn, hot summer, cold snowy winters. Usually rainy in November. Daily temperatures range from 5 to 10° C.

## TIME

Winter time: GMT + 2 hrs. (October through March)

**ELECTRICITY** 220 Volts, 50 Hz