



United Nations Alliance of Civilizations



REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

**Second UNAOC Regional Conference for South Eastern Europe –
FOCAL POINTS MEETING**
10 April 2012 (15:00-18:00 pm)

OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

AGENDA ITEMS

- ***Adoption of the Agenda:***

- Draft Agenda of the Meeting adopted by Focal Points (FP);
- Ambassador S. Prica, as FP and representative of the Serbian Government as a Host confirmed the Ministerial segment of the 2nd Regional Conference was postponed due to the low level of confirmed of Ministerial attendance and announced that a new meeting will be scheduled this year on a date to be announced.
- The Government of Serbia and FP reiterated their strong support for this regional process, the importance of this first regional process of the UNAOC and the need to finalize the 2nd Action Plan for 2013-2014 of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations' (UNAOC) Regional Strategy for South-East Europe (SEE);
- HIREP Message was read to FP;

- ***First Session: 2nd Action Plan 2013-2014 for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations' Regional Strategy on Intercultural Dialogue and Cooperation in South Eastern Europe:***
 - Agreement on the thematic windows proposed for the 2nd Action Plan and on new projects included in it.
 - Further to the projects included in the 2nd Action Plan, the programmes of the 1st Action Plan that are not implemented should be transferred and integrated into the 2nd Action Plan – this request was supported by all delegations and strongly recommended by one delegation (Bulgaria).
 - UNAOC will circulate a new revised version of the 2nd Action Plan comprising: full presentation of the projects already included by completing them with missing information; integration of the cluster of non-implemented projects of the 1st Action Plan; revisions of the overall draft (ie correction of some typos and material errors).
 - UNAOC will meet with NGOs who submitted projects for the 1st Action Plan to discuss possible adaptations of their initial proposals taking into consideration time elapsed, possible evolution of the initial projects and context of the 2nd Action Plan.
 - Most of the FP stressed the difficulties in finding funds for the UNAOC Strategy and Action Plan for SEE and strongly supported the organization of the Istanbul Forum;
 - 2nd Action Plan for SEE should be finalized asap in order to be part of the UNAOC leaflets that are being prepared for the Istanbul Forum.
 - FP agreed with the overall structure of the follow-up mechanism proposed in Annex to the 2nd Action Plan but one delegation (Austria) asked to revise point 1 (on the role of Heads of State in this process).

- ***Second Session: Declaration of Belgrade to be adopted in the framework of the 2nd United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Ministerial Regional Conference for South Eastern Europe:***
 - Possibility of shortening the draft Declaration was raised while keeping the proposed structure;
 - Some draft amendments were proposed, namely on paragraph 30 on which a delegation (Bulgaria) made a reservation;
 - UNESCO and UN Resident Coordinator Office Team in Serbia will send a proposed wording for paragraph 30;

- ***Ministerial Conference (date to be announced)***

- A proposal to prepare a Report for the Ministerial Conference, collecting information from existing papers and reports on UNAOC issues related to the SEE region, put forward by the High Representative, was presented and accepted.
- A draft will be prepared and circulated. UNAOC will seek cooperation from partners in this regard.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1- Agenda of the meeting

ANNEX 2- List of participants (revised 10 April)

ANNEX 1



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DRAFT AGENDA

Focal Points Meeting

(revised on 5 april)

Belgrade, 10 April 2012

New Venue: Venue of the FP meeting:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

24-26, Kneza Milosa Str.

Entrance D2, Corner of Knez Milos and Bircaninova Street

15:00 – 18:00 - AGENDA

Adoption of the Draft Agenda for the meeting

Opening Remarks:

- Ambassador Sladjana PRICA, Assistant Foreign Minister, Director General, Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation
- Ambassador Milenko Mr. Milenko Misic, Head of Department for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Ambassador Belén Alfaro, Focal point UNAOC, Ambassador At Large for the Alliance of Civilizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain
- Ambassador Bogac Güldere, Focal Point UNAOC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey
- President Jorge Sampaio, the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

First Session

Introductory Remarks on the draft Action Plan by Helena Barroco (AoC)

Preliminary General Debate

Presentation and discussion of each project

Presentation and discussion of the proposed Follow up Mechanism

Final reading and approval of the draft Action Plan

Second Session

Introductory Remarks on the draft Belgrade declaration by Helena Barroco

General Debate

Discussion of the document with a view to prepare a final draft to be submitted to Ministers for the coming Ministerial Conference

Any Other Business

Concluding remarks by Ambassador Prica Sladjana PRICA, Assistant Foreign Minister, Director General, Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation



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