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**UNECE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON REGIONAL EXPERIENCES IN
GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR REGULATORY PRACTICES
(with special reference to Balkan countries)**

10 and 11 November 2003

Palais des Nations (Salle VIII), Geneva

Provisional agenda

The Seminar will start on Monday, 10 November 2003 at 02:45 p.m. and will close on Tuesday, 11 November 2003 at 01:00p.m.

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Background papers for the Forum are available on the WP.6 web page (<http://www.unece.org/trade/stdpol>)

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Opening session

Welcome remarks from the UNECE Executive Secretary, Mrs. B. Schmögnerová
Introductory comments from the ISO Secretary General, Mr. A. Bryden

Session I International and regional good regulatory practices

1. Regulatory model of the European Union
Presentation from the European Commission (Mr. N. Anselmann)
2. Regulatory approaches in North America
Presentation from the US Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (Mr. J. Graham)
3. Regulatory cooperation in the ASEAN region (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)
Presentation on the ASEAN Harmonized Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme from ASEAN secretariat
4. Regulatory activities between APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) countries
Presentation from APEC (Mr. K. Noda, JETRO)
5. OECD work on regulatory reform and market openness
Presentation from the OECD, Division of Trade Liberalization and Review, Trade Directorate (Ms. M. Moise)
6. Regulatory activities in the CIS region
Presentation from the CIS (Mr. A. Kusainov, Chairman of Committee on Standards of Kazakhstan and Chairman of the CIS Interstate Council on Standardization, Certification and Metrology)
7. UNECE “International Model for Technical Harmonization”
Presentation from WP.6 (Mr. C. Arvius, Chairman)

Discussions

Session II Balkan experiences with regulatory convergence

1. Experience of a candidate country in adapting to the EU framework
Presentation from Slovenia (Mr. S. Presern, Ministry of Economy)

2. Regulatory approaches and challenges in other Balkan countries

Presentations from:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations (Mr. Z. Bilbija)
- Bulgaria, State Agency for Metrology and Technical Surveillance (Ms. V. Panayotova)
- Moldova, Department of Standardization and Metrology (Ms. M.Bizgu)
- Romania, Ministry of Economy and Trade (Ms. A. Sandru)
- Serbia and Montenegro, Federal Ministry of International Economic Relations (Mr. D. Stojovic)

Balkan experiences on regulatory convergence

Presentation from the OECD Division of Trade Liberalization and Review, Trade Directorate (Ms. N. Dihel)

Discussions

Session III Concluding session: lessons for UNECE Governments and possible follow-up in Balkans

1. Identification of needs and related capacity building in the region
2. Identification of sectoral needs
3. Prioritization of regulatory needs in the Balkan region.

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