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FIRST WORKSHOP

***STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
TERRORISM: LEGISLATION, INSTITUTIONS, AND PROPOSALS***

Thursday, December 13 and Friday, December 14, 2007

New York City, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

- **First Day: December 13, 2007**

9:00 am to 9:15 am: Welcoming Remarks

President Jeremy Travis, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Prof. George J. Andreopoulos, Center for International Human Rights.

Dr. Kalliopi Saini, Captain, Senior Analyst KE.ME.A, Head of Delegation, Greece.

9:15 am to 11:15 am: The Nature of the Threat

Vlado Azinovic, “Challenges to International Security: The Case of Bosnia-Herzegovina.”

Suleyman Ozeren, “Nature of Terrorism in Turkey and Neighboring Countries: Organizations, Patterns and International Dimensions.”

Nikolaos Petropoulos, “Radicalization and Terrorist Activity in Europe: Current Situation in Greece.”

Commentator, TBA.

11:30 am to 1:00 pm: International/Regional Legal Framework and Institutions

Argita Totozani, “Assessing the Implementation of International and European Anti-Terrorism Instruments in Albania and Regional Cooperation.”

Dimitar Markov, “Countering Cross Border Crime in Bulgaria: Legal Aspects”

Florin Răzvan Radu, Commentator.

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm: Luncheon and Keynote Address

Keynote speaker, *HE Mr. Mike Smith*, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee, “The Role of the United Nations in Counter-Terrorism.”

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm: Issues of Cooperation

Ahmed Kule, “Theory and Practice of Cooperation: Regional Examples.”

Kalliopi Saini, “Joint Intelligence Groups: State of the Art.”

Maria Yordanova, “Cooperation against Cross Border Crime: The Bulgarian Perspective.”
Ermira Xhamallati, Commentator.

4:30 to 5:00: Roundtable

- **Second Day: December 14**

9:00 am to 11:00 am: Rule of Law and Human Rights Issues

Brian Gorlick, Senior Policy Advisor, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New York Office, “The Challenges of Refugee Protection in the Post 9/11 World.”

Yavuz Özdemir, “The Improvements on Human Rights in the Turkish National Police.”

Zoran Pajic, “Terrorism versus Democracy: Is the Rule of Law Becoming a Casualty?”

George Andreopoulos, Commentator.

11:00 am to 1:00 pm: Best Practices

Iva Zajmi, “Fighting Terrorism through Strengthening Cooperation Legislation and Institutions: Dos and Don’ts.”

Spyridon Nanos, TBA.

Cristina Gheorghe Tranca, Commentator.

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm: Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

1:30-2:15: Luncheon

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Briefing at the Delegation of the European Union Commission to the United Nations

Roland Tricot, Principal Lawyer, Delegation of the European Union Commission to the UN.

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm: Reception at the President’s Office, John Jay College

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LIST OF TOPICS

1. The Nature of the Threat

What are the most common forms of terrorist activity encountered in the region? Do any regional patterns emerge? [International connections of those activities?].

2. International/Regional Legal Framework and Institutions

A discussion of the relevant International and European Anti-Terrorism instruments and their implementation in the region. This will include a discussion of the legislative implementation (in the domestic sphere) of the relevant United Nations and Council of Europe Conventions, as well as implementation in terms of law enforcement practices.

3. Issues of Cooperation

What is the regional record on existing cooperation mechanisms, in particular on extradition and information exchange agreements? How can we enhance regional inter-agency cooperation (between intelligence services, national law enforcement agencies, including customs and border police, and other civil emergency services)? [Role played by new technologies including internet in facilitating anti-terrorist operations: data bases, checking the internet for evidence of terrorist activities].

4. Rule of Law and Human Rights Issues

The joint statement of the Ministers of the Interior, Public Order and Security of the SEECP member states (Loutraki, 8 February, 2006) underlined that the fight against terrorism "must be conducted in full respect of the rule of law and of human rights and freedoms." What are some of the key law enforcement policies/practices involved and how can they conform to these standards? In this section, participants will need to address specific counter-terrorism policies/practices (for example, terrorist profiling, preservation of the institution of protection of refugees and their right to asylum in the context of states' concerns over terrorist mobility and transnational terrorist networks, use of firearms), assess their compliance with these standards and set out permissible, under the said standards, forms of these policies/practices, as well as possible alternatives.

5. Best practices

Identifying and promoting a common understanding of such practices. This section will address practices of enforcement, as well as practices of prevention.

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1. Mrs. Argita Totozani, Executive Director, Legal Clinic for Refugees, Albania.
2. Ms. Ermira Xhamallati, Police Assistance & Border Management, Department for Security Cooperation, Albania.
3. Ms. Iva Zajmi, Deputy Minister of Interior of Albania and Albanian National Coordinator for the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings, Albania.
4. Dr. Vlado Azinovic, Senior Editor for Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty in the Czech Republic, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
5. Dr. Zoran Pajic, Visiting Professor, International Policy Institute, King's College, University of London, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
6. Mr. Vjekoslav Vukovic, Assistant Minister for security related questions, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
7. Dr. Maria Yordanova, Director, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD), Bulgaria.
8. Mr. Dimitar Markov, Project Coordinator, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD), Bulgaria.
9. Mr. Vasilios Grizis, Police Major, Senior Security Expert KE.ME.A, Greece.
10. Mr. Spyridon Nanos, Senior Analyst, KE.ME.A, Greece.
11. Ms. Aikaterini Papatheodorou, Police Lieutenant, KE.ME.A, Greece.
12. Mr. Nikolaos Petropoulos, Police Captain, Analyst, Hellenic Police, Antiterrorism Directorate, International Terrorism Confrontation Unit, Greece.
13. Dr. Kalliopi Saini, Captain, Senior Analyst KE.ME.A, Head, Greece.
14. Ms. Cristina Gheorghe Tranca, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Romania.
15. Mr. Florin Răzvan Radu, Director, Directorate of International Law and Treaties, Ministry of Justice, Romania.
16. Mr. Ahmed Kule, Police Major, Turkish National Police, Turkey.
17. Mr. Yavuz Özdemir, Chief Superintendent, Turkish National Police, Turkey.
18. Dr. Suleyman Ozeren, International Terrorism and Transnational Crime Research Center, Police Academy, Ankara, Turkey

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