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Minutes of the ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo 6-7 April 2009

The DPPI SEE Advisory Board Meeting was held on 06.04.2009, starting at 14:00 hours in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina with the participation of 21 persons from 10 DPPI countries and 7 international DPPI partners. The partners represent the international organizations like: NATO/SFP, UNISDR, UNDP Bosnia, MSB (SRSA), UNOCHA/CADRI, EU Commission and DEMA.

Mr. Topcu, Head of DPPI SEE Secretariat welcomed the participants and briefly gave information about the composition and the tasks of Advisory Board which has been defined in Annex II to MoU.

After defining the role of Advisory Board, Mr. Topcu also gave a very brief information on recent events such as EU Civil Protection Mechanisms Seminar in Slovenia, CiO Handover Meeting in Croatia, Basic Hot Fire Training in Slovenia and Budva Plenary meeting on joint exercise in Montenegro after the last Advisory Board Meeting which was held in Skopje 2008.

All participants were invited to introduce themselves in a round and after that Work Plan and priorities for 2009 were discussed through Projects of DPPI.

Slovenian Delegation Head, Mr. Branko Dervodel gave a brief detail about their recent trainings (Basic Hot Fire Training) and the positive remarks they have received so far and expressed their willingness to continue similar trainings. He also stated their experience and interest in a project called "PROTEUS". This project is consisting of series of trainings on a very specialized cave rescue techniques. Montenegro intends to organise one of the training events in 2009.

Mr. Zoran Begovic, (Montenegro) gave brief information about the Seismic Hazards Maps projects and he stated that such good projects should be continued and also some more projects will be realized on Risk Assessments in the region. He also invited all members and partners to take part in Budva Exercise that will be consisting of five different segments in a very flexible manner for all to fit in.

Ms, Borko EU Commission representative stated that UC has some available funds through the EU Civilian Protection Financial Instruments for most relevant project proposals. The procedures and timeline briefly explained.

Mrs Berbic, (UNDP) gave some brief information about joint regional project of UNDP and DPPI that will be funded by EC on Human Capacity Development for duration of 18 months with an approximate budget of 1.110.000 Euro.

Ms. Michaelis (NATO / SPS) representing several departments of her organization briefed about the Seismic Hazards Maps project that brought several countries to a EU standard on hazard maps (Euro Code 8) She also gave brief information on INSARAG Awareness Programme that will be finalized by a field exercise in 2010 where all Urban Search and Rescue Teams will be qualified.

Mr Innocenti (UN/ISDR) stressed out the importance of regional assets and ownership and he also declared the joint interest with DPPI in creating a regional expertise database and creating national platforms as well as the disaster risk reduction work frame.

Mr Micha Mier (CADRI) stated that DPPI is a main focal point for regional projects and CADRI will support DPPI for creating a better human capital through training programmes for disaster risk reduction.

Ms. Pettersson (MSB) stated that the SRSA has been transformed to a new structural body but their interest and support to DPPI will continue in same manner.

Mr. Slivensky (IFRCC) has expressed his appreciation for the invitation to the Regional Meeting and he stated the importance of future cooperation and he also stated his expectations for more close cooperation with DPPI.

Mr.Schmidt (DEMA) mentioned that DEMA has been involved in a lot projects in the region for a very long time based on bilateral and multi-lateral agreements but he also mentioned and stated that in order to have a proper and more convenient programmes and projects DEMA will work in more close cooperation with DPPI

Mr. Topcu, expressed his appreciation and welcomed all collaborative and positive projects and efforts and he also mentioned some of possible future options for an extended working capacity of DPPI SEE Secretariat through some projects as well as new opportunities with in DPPI such as usage of secondment positions and internship mechanisms.

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