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The Military and Media

Confidence Building between Armed Forces and the Civil Society

January 24/25, 2003, Hotel Holiday Inn, Skopje/Macedonia

Friday, 24 January 2003

- From 9:00 Arrival and Registration
- 10:00-10:30 Welcome and Opening**
- 10:00-10:10 **Mr. Theodor Winkler**, on behalf of DCAF
- 10:10-10:20 **Mr. Roland Brunner** on behalf of MH
- 10:20-10:30 **Mr. Vlado Buchkovski**, on behalf of the host country
- 10:30-10:40 **Mr. Stephan Nellen**, on behalf of the Swiss Embassy in Macedonia
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00 Introductory Panel: Setting the Problem**
Moderator: **Mr. Roland Brunner**
- 11:00-11:20 **Ms. Biljana Vankovska**, University of Skopje, "The Military, Security Sector Reform and the Media in Macedonia: Public control and/or Confidence-Building"
- 11:20-11:40 **Mr. Marjan Gjurovski**, Spokesman of MOD, "Public relations in the context of the Macedonian defence system"
- 11:40-13:15 Discussion
- 13:15-13.30 Summing up the discussion and formulation of issues noted as those to be specifically addressed within the next panels
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch
- 15:00-17:30 Panel 1: International standards**
Moderator: **Mr. Otfried Nassauer**
- 15:00-15:20 **Mr. Henry Bolton**, OSCE Office, "Media Reporting Standards and the Media's Role in Public Control Over Security Forces"
- 15:20-15:40 **Mr. Mark Laity**, NATO Secretary General Office, "The Media and the Military: A Marriage of Convenience"
- 15:40-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:15 Discussion
- 17:15-17:30 Summing up the discussion and formulation of issues noted as those to be specifically addressed within the next panels
- 19:00-19:30 Reception in the Restaurant "Ognishte", Holiday Inn, hosted by HE Stephan Nellen, Ambassador of Switzerland in Macedonia, followed by dinner

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Saturday, 25 January 2003

- 08:30-10:30** **Panel 2: Regional practice and experience**
Moderator: **Ms. Bisera Turkovic**
- 08:30-08:50 **Mr. Igor Mekina**, Mladina magazine, Ljubljana, "State Secrets and Public Information in Slovenia"
- 08:50-09:10 **Ms. Jovanka Matic**, CCMR-Belgrade, "Media as a tool for public accountability: Case of Serbia"
- 09:10-10:15 Discussion
- 10:15-10:30 Summing up the discussion and formulation of issues noted as those to be specifically addressed within the next panels
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-13:30** **Panel 3: Practice and experiences in Macedonia - Lessons (not) Learnt**
Moderator: **Ms. Biljana Vankovska**
- 11:00-11:15 **Mr. Stevo Pendarovski**, National Security Adviser, "The Military and the Media: Between the War and the Truth"
- 11:15-11:30 **Mr. Saso Ordanovski**, Forum, "The Military and the Media: To Love or to Hate?"
- 11:30-11:45 **Mr. Roberto Belichanec**, Media Development Institute, 'The Military and Media: Practice and Law'
- 11:45-13:15 Discussion
- 13:15-13:30 Summing up the discussion and formulation of issues noted as those to be specifically addressed within the last panel
- 13:30-15:30 Lunch (meeting of the working group for preparing the recommendations)
- 15:30-16:30 **Panel 4: Wrap-up Session: Recommendations and Follow-up Ideas**
Moderator: **Mr. Roland Brunner**
- 16:30-16:45 Coffee Break
- 16:45-17:30 **Closing Session** (press conference of the present officials with the media representatives)
