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Centre for Security Cooperation

Regional Conference

„FLOODS IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE – Lessons Learned and Ways Ahead“

Dates November 5-6, 2014

Venue Sarajevo, BA

Background The recent floods in some countries of the South East European Region resulted in emergency situations which had disastrous consequences with human casualties. The stabilization of unpredicted circumstances and rehabilitation of the resulting damage is a troublesome process for the affected countries.

The majority of such situations make it impossible for the countries to get over the disasters on their own. Countries need help of neighboring countries and beyond, as well as relevant international institutions and organizations which were established with the aim to help countries overcome these types of situations.

RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, serving as a platform for security cooperation for the countries in the SEE Region, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, will organize a Regional Conference: „Floods in South-Eastern Europe – Lessons Learned and Ways Ahead“. This is the first regional conference that will tackle the topic of floods in SEE so far.

Purpose and objectives The Conference aims to encourage national authorities of all participating countries to discuss issues, obstacles and solutions in flood mitigation, readiness for inter-institutional and cross-border cooperation as well as preparedness for harmonization of domestic laws and regulations in this area, with international and EU laws and regulations.

Purpose:

- To bring together the relevant and responsible officials who will exchange and share their experiences in tackling floods and their consequences,
- To identify the lessons learned and to discuss the potential solutions and the ways ahead in order to reduce the consequences of floods, by being more prepared and organizing better protection.

Objective:

- To specify the role and responsibilities of the relevant institutions and their staff in order to be more prepared when facing and tackling floods and their consequences,
- To present examples of best practices needed to manage flood emergencies.

Participants The event will include participants and target audience from each RACVIAC Agreement signatory country, civilian or military officials at a decision-making level and experts representing relevant national institutions dealing with flood-related issues. Some of the suggested participants should be from the following institutions: civil protection agencies, river basins agencies, ministries relevant for water management, ministries that cover energy and environment issues, municipalities and towns affected most severely by the recent floods, international and non-governmental organizations.

Methodology This Regional Conference will last two days and will comprise lectures, presentations and discussions. Speakers should prepare a presentation of relevance for the Conference with specific content that reflects the topics of the Conference. The working language will be English.

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