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FRIDAY, 30 JUNE 2006

(ON THE RECORD)

19:00 hrs WELCOME ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION

Gernot Erler, MP, President of Southeast Europe Association, Berlin,
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19:30 hrs Serbia and Montenegro after the Referendum

The mandate and the priorities of the political agenda after the referendum. Local, regional and international perspectives: a summary of questions and concerns.

KEY NOTES

Gernot Erler, MP, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office
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Miodrag Vlahović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro

Miroslav Lajčák, Ambassador, Personal Representative of the SG/HR on
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21:00 hrs Buffet

SATURDAY, 1 JULY 2006

(OFF THE RECORD UNDER THE CHATHAM HOUSE RULE)

09:00 hrs Part I: Serbia and Montenegro, two separate states. What has to be done: Setting the Agenda for resolving remaining issues.

The “velvet dissolution” of the State Union produces a number of issues that have to be resolved quickly and constructively by the two states and the international community. Apart from the foreseeable international consequences, the main difficulties may lie in the practicalities of everyday life for the citizens of two closely interconnected societies.

- Managing the dissolution of the State Union and a roadmap towards bilateral cooperation (incl. lessons learnt from the dissolution of Czechoslovakia)
- Issues of the State Union: the international status of Montenegro and membership in international organizations.
- Dividing the functions and property of the State Union: army, navy, funds, diplomacy.
- Economic issues: cooperation and synergy?
- The concerns of the citizens and practicalities of two states: property rights, citizenship, education, health care, taxation, social security (incl. lessons learnt from EU integration).
- The EU model: freedom of labor, capital, services and goods.

Moderation: Gernot Erler, MP

10:30 hrs Coffee / Tea

11:00 hrs Part II: Integrating State and Society**Montenegro**

In the now independent state of Montenegro, the challenges of social, regional, religious and ethnic integration – previously sidelined by the status question – require political priority. The ethnic heterogeneity of Montenegro and the recent standoff between proponents and adversaries of independence call for an integrative strategy. The acknowledgment of the referendum results is for some parts of the political scene in Montenegro and in Serbia still unbearable, since the ethnic minorities in Montenegro, the Albanians, Bosniaks and Croats, voted predominantly for independence, and thus became the decisive force determining the outcome.

The results indicate anyhow that the bloc for the preservation of the state union is strong in Montenegro. The citizenship in Montenegro is deeply divided and the demenour of the Orthodox Churches (Montenegrin and Serbian Orthodox Church) adds to the split. How can “reconciliation” be promoted? And what does the political split mean for further needed efforts with regard to reform policy?

Serbia

Serbia proper, too, now has the political leeway and framework to concentrate on issues of domestic integration. However, it remains to be observed how the political constellations in Belgrade will develop, i.e. whether nationalist parties will exploit on this “loss” trying to overthrow the weak government coalition? What kind of impact can this have on Kosovo status negotiations?

Additional topics / remarks:

- The integration of ethnic and religious minorities in the state and society of both Serbia and Montenegro
- Managing the political polarization of the referendum period after independence in Montenegro
- The strengthening of administrative capacities and reform policies, combating organized crime and corruption
- The challenges of domestic “reconciliation” and trust-building

Moderation: Dr. Wim van Meurs, Assoc. Prof.

12:30 hrs Lunch

13:30 hrs Part III: Serbia and Montenegro and the Euro-Atlantic integration

The independence of Montenegro has changed the parameters for Serbia and Montenegro for Euro-Atlantic integration in general and for the SAA process in particular. Concerning the latter, Montenegro can now resume negotiations with Brussels, whereas Serbia is facing for an indefinite time a break.

At the same time negotiations with NATO on a PfP-agreement should be facilitated for Montenegro after a successful divorce of army and navy.

- The way ahead for the SAA negotiation process for the two states
- Possible cooperation and synergies in the process of EU integration
- Consequences for the process and the institutions of regional cooperation

Moderation: Dr. Franz-Lothar Altmann, Assoc. Prof.

15:00 hrs Coffee / Tea

15:30 hrs Part IV: Regional Concerns and Beyond

The independence of Montenegro does not end the ongoing debate and potential risks in the Balkans concerning the balancing of national self-determination, on the one hand, and regional stability and functional statehood, on the other hand. The résumé reflects on the implications and challenges of (ethnic, political and socio-economic) integration within the states of the region and those of regional and European integration for the region as a whole.

Moderation: Dr. Erhard Busek

16:30 hrs Concluding Remarks

17: 00 hrs End of the Workshop / Departure of Participants

19:00 hrs Dinner for the remaining participants

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