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International Conference

“Europe and the Transition Process in the Republic of Moldova”

July, 2 – 3, 2004

Conference venue

Abgeordnetenhaus von Berlin
Niederkirchnerstraße 5; 10111 Berlin

Conference languages

German / English with
simultaneous translation

Head of the conference

Gernot Erler, MdB
MP, President Suedosteuropa-Gesellschaft

Conference Committee:

Dr. Wim van Meurs / Dr. Johanna Deimel

FRIDAY, 2.JULY 2004

18:00 hrs **Welcome addresses and Opening of the Conference**

- *Gernot Erler*, MP, President Suedosteuropa-Gesellschaft, Berlin
- *VLR I Rolf Schuette*, Head of Division for Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin

Key Notes:

- *Claudia Nolte*, MP, Berlin
- *Dr. Michael Zickerick*, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Moldova, Chisinau
- *Dr. Igor Corman*, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova, Berlin

Reception at the Abgeordnetenhaus

SATURDAY, 3. JULY 2004

09:00 hrs: **Panel I: State and Society in the Transition Process in the Republic of Moldova**

Moderator: *William H. Hill*, Ambassador, Head of the OSCE Mission in Moldova, Chisinau

- The Role of the Media: *Angela Sarbu*, Director, Independent Journalism Center, Chisinau
- Political Parties and Civil Society: *Dr. Arcadie Barbarosie*, Director, Institute for Public Policy, Chisinau
- Administrative Reform and Decentralisation: *Igor Munteanu*, Director, Institute for Development and social Initiatives (IDIS), Chisinau

10:30 hrs **Coffee Break**

11:00 hrs **Panel II: Economic Transformation and Poverty Reduction Policies**

Moderator: *Dr. Ion Sturza*, General Manager, Rompetrol, Director, Association for Foreign Politics, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau

- Challenges ahead: Illegal economic activities: *Dr. Nicholas Whyte*, Director Europe Program, International Crisis Group, Brussels
- Opportunities and Risks for the Economic Transformation in Moldova: *Alexander Munteanu*, Director / Investment Manager, Western NIS Enterprise Fund in Moldova, Chisinau
- Poverty Reduction Policies: *Dr. Anatol Gudim*, Executive Director, Center for Strategic Studies and Reform, Chisinau

12:30 hrs **Lunch**

13:30 hrs Panel III: Bilateral Political and Economic Relations

- **Moderator:** *Dr. Anneli Ute Gabanyi* German Institute for International Politics and Security (SWP), Berlin
- Ukraine – Moldau: *Oleksandr Sushko*, Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine, Kiev
- Romania – Moldova: *Odette Tomescu-Hatto*, Institut d' Etudes Politiques de Paris
- *Dr. Mihai-Razvan Ungureanu*, Ambassador, Deputy Coordinator, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), Vienna

15:00 hrs Coffee break

15:30 hrs Panel IV: Which Role can the EU play to enhance the overall political and economic situation in the Republic of Moldova?

- **Moderator:** *Gernot Erler*, MP
- *Vladimir Philipov*, Ambassador, Council of Europe, Special representative of the Secretary General in Moldova, Chisinau
- *Annika Weidemann*, Council of the European Union, External Relations, Brussels
- *Dr. Valeriu Gheorghiu*, Program Director, Institute for Public Policy, (IPP), Chisinau
- *Dr. Wim van Meurs*, Centre for Applied Policy Research (CAP), Munich

17:00 hrs Final Discussion – “**Moldova and Europe**”

18:00 hrs End of the Conference

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