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Chişinău, 26-27 April 2005

Conference Venue:	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova 84, Hynchesti Highway, Chişinău
Conference languages:	English / Romanian; English / Russian (with simultaneous translation)
Conference Committee:	Dr. Johanna Deimel / Dr. Wim van Meurs Dr. Valeriu Gheorghiu
under the direction of:	Gernot Erler, MP, President Southeast Europe Association

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005

Arrival of participants

17:00 hrs Transfer to the Conference Venue

17:00 hrs Registration

18:00 hrs **Welcome Addresses and Introduction**

- *Gernot Erler*, MP, President Suedosteuropa-Gesellschaft, Berlin
- *Wolfgang Lerke*, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Moldova, Chişinău
- *Dr. Arcadie Barbarosie*, Executive Director, Institute for Public Policy, Chişinău

19:00 hrs **Key Notes:**

- *Vladimir Voronin*, President of the Republic of Moldova
- *William H. Hill*, Ambassador, Head of the OSCE Mission in Moldova, Chişinău
- *Volker Ruehe*, MP, former Federal Minister for Defense, Head, International Affairs Committee of the German Bundestag, Berlin

20:30 hrs **Reception at the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova**

22:30 hrs Transfer to the Center of Chişinău

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2005**08:30 hrs** Transfer to the Conference Venue

09:00 hrs: Presentation of the Policy Paper: Background and Contents

- *Dr. Wim van Meurs*, member of the Board of Southeast Europe Association, University of Nijmegen
- *Dr. Valeriu Gheorghiu*, Program Director, Institute for Public Policy, Chişinău

09:15 hrs Panel I: Economic and Social Issues

- **Presentation by the authors:** *Dr. Igor Munteanu*, Director, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS), Chişinău
- *Franz H. Kaps*, Senior Partnership Advisor, World Bank, Europe and Central Asia Region, and Special Representative of the World Bank Group for South East Europe, Office for South East Europe; European Commission / World Bank
- *Valentina Buliga*, MP, Head of Parliamentary Commission for Social Protection, Chişinău
- *Edgardo Ruggiero*, Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the Republic of Moldova, Chişinău
- **Chair:** *Dr. Ion Sturza*, General Manager, Rompetrol, President, Association for Foreign Policy, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Chişinău

Discussion**10:45 hrs** Coffee Break

11:15 hrs Panel II: European Transformation Assistance and Programs

- **Presentation by the authors:** *Nicu Popescu*
- *Vasile Mamaliga*, Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade of the Republic of Moldova, Chişinău
- *Dr. Erhard Busek*, Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe, Brussels
- *Michael Leigh*, Deputy Director-General, Relex.DG.DGA2, European Neighbourhood Policy. Relations with Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, Middle East and South Mediterranean, EU Commission, Brussels
- **Chair:** *Dr. Franz-Lothar Altmann*, German Institute for International Politics and Security (SWP), Berlin

Discussion

12:30 hrs **Lunch**

14:30 hrs **Panel III: Borders and Neighbours**

- **Presentation by the authors:** *Daniela Guțu*
- *Dr. Andrei Stratan*, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, Chișinău
- *Igor Dolgov*, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Ukraine, Kiev
- *Tristan Hristea*, Head of Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Bucharesta
- **Chair:** *MinDir Dr. Michael Schaefer*, Ambassador, Political Director, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Discussion

16:30 hrs Coffee break

17:00 hrs **The Road Ahead**

- *Vasile Tarlev*, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Chișinău
- *Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged*, Special Representative of the European Union; Brussels
- **Chair:** *Gernot Erler*, MP, President Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

Discussion

18:30 hrs End of the Conference

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