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## Conference Programme

### “Judicial Reform and the Empowerment of Victims”

28-29 November 2012, Zagreb

The Westin Zagreb Hotel

#### 28 November 2012 (Wednesday)

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10.00	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Louisa Vinton</b>, <i>UNDP Resident Representative in Croatia</i></li> <li>- <b>Paul Vandoren</b>, <i>Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Croatia</i></li> <li>- <b>Orsat Miljenić</b>, <i>Minister of Justice of Croatia</i></li> <li>- <b>Ivo Josipović</b>, <i>President of Croatia</i></li> </ul>
10.00 – 10.20	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Croatia’s experience in supporting victims</b> <i>Branko Hrvatin, President of the Croatian Supreme Court</i></li> </ul>
10.20 -11.20	<b>Progress in rule of law and support to witness-victims:</b> <b>Brief ministerial statements</b> <i>Chair: Orsat Miljenić, Minister of Justice of Croatia</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina :</b> <i>Bariša Čolak, Minister of Justice</i></li> <li>- <b>Croatia:</b> <i>Orsat Miljenić, Minister of Justice</i></li> <li>- <b>Albania:</b> <i>Ermal Dobi, Deputy Minister of Justice</i></li> <li>- <b>Montenegro:</b> <i>Branka Lakočević, Assistant Minister of Justice and Human Rights</i></li> <li>- <b>Ukraine:</b> <i>Robert Sivers, Director of the Department on Judiciary and Anti-corruption Legislation</i></li> <li>- <b>FYR of Macedonia:</b> <i>Marko Zvrlevski, Public Prosecutor, Public Prosecution Office Skopje</i></li> <li>- <b>Turkey:</b> <i>Fuat Pembeçiçek, Judge Chief of General Directorate of Criminal Affairs</i></li> <li>- <b>Kosovo<sup>1</sup>:</b> <i>Ministry of Justice of Kosovo</i></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> In the context of the UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

11.20 -11.45	<b>Joint statement</b>
11.45 – 11.55	Coffee break (with group photo)
11.55 - 13.15	<p><b>PANEL 1: EUROPEAN AND UN FRAMEWORKS FOR VICTIMS’ RIGHTS</b>  <i>Chair: Monjurul Kabir, Policy Adviser &amp; Team Leader, Rule of Law, Human Rights &amp; Justice, UNDP Bratislava Regional Centre for Europe and the CIS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EU policy on victims’ rights and the new Directive</b>  <i>Ingrid Bellander Todino, European Commission, DG Justice</i></li> <li>- <b>Global trends and UN standards in support to victims</b>  <i>Gerd Ferdinand Kirchhoff, Professor of Victimology, Tokiwa University</i></li> <li>- <b>Empowerment of victims and gender equality</b>  <i>Dubravka Šimonović, Member, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women</i></li> </ul>
13.15 - 14.45	Lunch
14.45 – 16.15	<p><b>PANEL 2: GOOD PRACTICES IN SUPPORT TO WITNESS-VICTIMS</b>  <i>Chair: Mario Krešić, Chief Technical Advisor for Justice, UNDP Croatia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Models for witness-victims support</b>  <i>Frans Willem Winkel, Professor of Victimology, Tilburg University</i></li> <li>- <b>European examples of witness-victims support systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sweden</b>  <i>Anna Sigfridsson, Brottsoffermyndigheten/Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority, Sweden</i></li> <li>- <b>Scotland</b>  <i>Jim Andrews, Deputy Chief Executive Business Support, Victim Support Scotland</i></li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16.15 - 16.35	Coffee break
16.35 – 17.30	<p><b>PANEL 3: LESSONS LEARNED AND THE WAY FORWARD</b>  <i>Chair: Elmar G.M. Weitekamp, Professor, Institute of Criminology, University of Tuebingen</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Lessons learned from witness-victims support in Croatia</b>  <i>Mario Krešić, Chief Technical Advisor for Justice, UNDP Croatia</i></li> <li>- <b>EU instruments of support to strengthening victims’ rights</b>  <i>Ingrid Bellander Todino, European Commission, DG Justice</i></li> <li>- <b>Identifying good practices in victims’ rights and legal empowerment: A new access to justice agenda for the future?</b>  <i>Monjurul Kabir, Policy Adviser &amp; Team Leader, Rule of Law, Human Rights &amp; Justice, UNDP Bratislava Regional Centre for Europe and the CIS</i></li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>

## 29 November 2012 (Thursday)

9.00 – 10.45

### **PANEL 4: DELIVERING JUSTICE TO VULNERABLE VICTIMS**

*Chair: Jasmina Papa, Programme Officer, Social Inclusion Programme, UNDP Croatia*

- **Understanding the vulnerabilities of crime victims**  
*Frans Willem Winkel, Professor of Victimology, Tilburg University*
- **Protecting children in the criminal justice system**  
*Gordana Buljan Flander, Associate Professor and Director of the Child Protection Center – Zagreb*  
*Lana Peto Kujundžić, Judge, Juvenile Department, Zagreb County Court*
- **Addressing the needs of victims of wartime sexual violence**  
*Marijana Senjak, psychologist, psychotherapist, former Director of Women Therapy Center Medica Zenica*
- **Protecting women victims of violence**  
*Johanna Nelles, Head of Violence against women Unit, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*
- **Discussion**

10.45 – 11.00

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30

### **PANEL 5: EFFICIENCY OF THE JUDICIARY AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS**

*Chair: Frans Willem Winkel, Professor of Victimology, Tilburg University*

- **Can the judicial system meet victims' needs?**  
*Gerd Ferdinand Kirchhoff, Professor, Tokiwa University*
- **Compensation systems – experience from Sweden**  
*Anna Sigfridsson, Brottsoffermyndigheten/Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority, Sweden*
- **Judicial reforms and restorative justice**  
*Elmar G.M. Weitekamp, Professor, Institute of Criminology, University of Tuebingen*
- **Discussion**

12.30 – 13.00

**Conclusions**

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch