



Brussels, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Chair and Co-Chair of Working Table III, I would like to invite you to the thirteenth meeting of the Working Table, which will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May next in Belgrade, where the Serbian government will be hosting the meeting of the Regional Table on the 30<sup>th</sup> May.

The Working Table III meeting will take place between 13:00 and 15:30 in the Sava conference centre.

The Working Table III meeting will discuss the *fight against organised crime and corruption*, as well as *security co-operation* in South Eastern Europe – which are the two long-term WT III priority themes, as identified in the report of the Senior Review Group. The discussion will focus on how activities of the Working Table may be streamlined in accordance with these priorities, and with priorities as may be suggested by delegations. Secondly, the meeting will review progress on the transfer to *regional ownership* for specific initiatives.

Accordingly, the format for the meeting will differ somewhat from the previous one held in Prague in November 2005. In particular, at the Belgrade meeting the views of delegations from beneficiary countries will be solicited regarding specific modalities for this streamlining and regional ownership process. National coordinators are invited to prepare themselves to address in their intervention specifically the four following aspects:

- Will your government be ready to provide financial resources to strengthen the regional ownership for specific Working Table III initiatives? For which ones in particular?
- Which are the possibilities for secondment (of personnel and experts) from your country to Working Table III associated regional bodies? Which impediments do exist in this process?
- In which other ways would your country be ready to support enhanced regional ownership of specific initiatives?
- What should be the role of international partners in support of enhanced regional cooperation within specific Working Table III initiatives?

To encourage an action oriented exchange of opinion, each of the two segments of the meeting will begin with a short introductory speech on a specific Working Table III initiative. This speech for the first segment will be devoted to SPAI RSLO as a successful example in the JHA area of progressing towards regional ownership. During the second part of the meeting RACVIAC could serve as a case study in the area of Security and

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Defence. Immediately after each of the two introductions, National Coordinators from the beneficiary countries will be invited to comment in the light of the questions identified above, and to indicate their views regarding other initiatives as well.

Please find enclosed the draft Agenda, technical information, the meeting registration form and the hotel reservation form.

The reports by Task Force leaders will be available from 3 May 2006 onwards on the Stability Pact website: <http://www.stabilitypact.org/wt3/>

Looking forward to seeing you all in Belgrade,

With best regards,

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