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OSCE Youth Summit 2013 Concept Paper

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The OSCE pays specific attention to youth education through projects covering a wide range of fields from human rights to environmental protection issues, the promotion of tolerance and support for minority rights.

At the three-day Model OSCE Conference held in Vienna in 2008, the most urgent issues facing the world were discussed by students from more than 30 OSCE participating States, who gave their consideration to all the above-mentioned subjects.

In the framework of the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship, we propose to engage youth representatives from OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation in the discussion of problematic questions pertaining to all three dimensions of the Organization's activities.

Bearing in mind the priority of further enhancing interaction between youth representatives from the OSCE area, the Ukrainian Chairmanship, with the support of the OSCE Secretary General, is now proposing to mount an OSCE Youth Summit in 2013. In this initiative it will rely on the extensive experience possessed by the All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation "Hope and Good" in hosting international children's festivals at the International Children's Centre "Artek" (Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine).

2. TASKS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims of the OSCE Youth Summit will be:

- To familiarize young people with the OSCE's activities in all the three dimensions and with its instruments for overcoming challenges and combating threats to security and stability in its area;
- To establish direct contacts between youth representatives from OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation, with a view to seeking a common vision and possible ways of strengthening co-operation in order to solve the global challenges facing the world today;
- To create a youth platform for the exchange of thought and for intercultural communication, in order to breed ethnical and religious tolerance and promote the development of leadership potential among young people.

The core tasks of the OSCE Youth Summit will be:

- To familiarize participants with OSCE activities aimed at solving problems persisting in the OSCE area;

- To create a conducive environment for young people to express their thoughts regarding current challenges;
- To spread the idea of peaceful development and support for stability; to increase young people's awareness of how to solve problems in a non-violent way;
- To facilitate the communication of children's initiatives to the OSCE and to the leaders of its participating States and Partners for Co-operation;
- To discover leadership capabilities among youth representatives and to encourage their active involvement in the work of youth organizations active in the training of future leaders and senior officials;
- To inspire young people to nurture good relations amongst themselves and within groups; to assist in establishing, developing and strengthening good-neighbourly relations among countries, in facilitating cultural and humanitarian co-operation and international integration in children's environment, and in fostering among children a culture of intercultural communication; to provide a stimulus for young people to engage in more thorough study of their own national traditions, customs and cultures, while still promoting the preservation of values common to mankind;
- To facilitate positive interaction between youth representatives through their participation in discussions, training sessions, workshops, forums, competitions, exhibitions and festivities;
- To hold stimulating brainstorming sessions with a view to developing intellectual, communication and creative talents and to discovering common interests shared by representatives of different nations; to demonstrate goal-oriented creative co-operation among young people;
- To cultivate ethnic and religious tolerance among young people;
- To provide young people with an opportunity to take part in simulations similar to the Model United Nations, European Youth Parliament or Children's League of Nations;
- To consolidate the tradition of holding annual international children's festivals at the International Children's Centre "Artek" (ICC "Artek").

On the basis of the goals and tasks set out above, it is proposed that the OSCE Youth Summit should take place under the title **"Our Difference Is Our Wealth, Our Unity Is Our Strength"**.

3. EVENT STATUS AND ORGANIZERS

The OSCE Youth Summit will be held under the auspices of the Ukrainian Chairmanship of the OSCE.

The Summit will be organized by the All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation "Hope and Good" and the ICC "Artek" with the support of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the OSCE Secretariat.

4. DATES AND VENUE

Venue: International Children's Centre "Artek" (<http://www.artek.ua>, address: Leningradska 41, Greater Yalta, Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine).

Dates: 20 July to 1 August 2013 (arrival from 17 July, departure until 4 August).

5. PARTICIPANTS

Invitations to participate in the Summit will be extended to organized groups including up to five children aged 12–16 and accompanied by an adult. Invitations will be sent to participants from OSCE participating States (57 countries) and Partners for Co-operation (11 countries) through diplomatic channels in a form of a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, OSCE Chairman-in-Office H.E. Mr. Leonid Kozhara, addressed to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of participating States and Partners for Co-operation.

6. LOGISTICAL MODALITIES

Expenses related to delegations' participation in the Summit will be covered by the organizers. Such expenses will include: transfer on the territory of Ukraine and the ICC "Artek", accommodation, meals, cultural and educational programme.

Children will be accommodated separately from adults in eight-person bedrooms of the "Yantarniy" and "Hryshtaleviy" camps at the ICC "Artek" and will be split into groups of 30. Educational specialists of the ICC "Artek" will constantly supervise all childrens' activities and the ICC "Artek" security services will provide security surveillance of the residential area and of locations where Summit events are to take place.

7. PROGRAMME

The activities of the OSCE Youth Summit will include the following:

- ***Opening Ceremony;***
- ***Three thematic platforms*** on the following topics:
 - The Role of Youth in Conflict Prevention
 - Environmental Protection for the Future
 - Youth and the Internet: Opportunities and Challenges
- ***An awareness-raising campaign*** aimed at informing participants about the OSCE's activities and the challenges it currently faces; country presentations (including flag-hoisting, games, interactive exhibitions, a wall newspaper competition, staging of performances).

On the basis of the results of the awareness-raising campaign, each of the childrens' groups will be encouraged to present their vision and perception of the information received (whether in written or any other form, e.g., pictures, banners, sculptures, origami and the like) and put it on general display.

- ***OSCE Ministerial Council simulation;***
- ***Closing Ceremony.***

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Deadline for the registration of participants is June 1, 2013. You are requested to e-mail completed application forms to the All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation of Hope and Good at found_hg@i.ua (if you fail to meet this deadline please let us know ASAP!).

The delegation is allowed to arrive in Artek ICC only after having negotiated all participation issues with the organizing team.

APPLICATION FORM

for the participants to the OSCE Children and Youth Summit
(Artek ICC, AR of Crimea, Ukraine)

Country _____ Number of delegation members _____

National Coordinator:

Last Name	
First Name	
Company	
Position	
Phone	
E-mail	

Information about the delegation:

- City/cities represented;
- Name of organization represented

Delegation Leader

Last name		
First Name		
Sex	Date of birth	
Passport No.		
Company/position		
Telephone		
E-mail		

List of Children (in alphabetic order)

№	Last name	First Name	Sex	Date of birth	Passport number

Arrival and Departure Information (with all transits):

Arrival Date	Transport	Route	Train/ Flight #	Carriage #	Time of arrival in Simferopol (local time)
Departure Date	Transport	Route	Train/ Flight #	Carriage #	Time of departure from Simferopol (local time)

NOTE!

Upon arrival in the Artek ICC, leaders of delegations shall submit to the Festival's Organizing Team:

- completed application form;
- personal medical records of children;
- health insurance certificates of children and delegation leader;
- passports of all delegation members;

Please, note that children without personal medical records are not allowed to the camps, they will be immediately isolated and will have to return home at their own expense.