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**FOURTH MEETING OF SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS
FROM CENTRAL, EASTERN, AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

**Bucharest, Romania
9-10 April, 2008**

The meeting will be hosted by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Romania. It will be held in the Intercontinental Hotel, Bucharest, Romania.

The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Richard Emery, former Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, United States.

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Interpretation into English, Russian and Serbo-Croatian will be provided.

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AGENDA

Tuesday 8 April 2008

19:00 – 21:00 *Welcome Reception at the Intercontinental Hotel*

Wednesday 9 April 2008

9:00 – 9:15 Opening and introductory remarks by Chair, Mr. Richard Emery, United States

9:15 – 9:30 Welcome by Mr. Varujan Vosganian, Minister of Economy and Finance, Romania

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and opening remarks by Mr. Aart-Jan de Geus, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD

9:45 – 10:45 Introduction participants, recent developments in CESEE countries Part I

10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15 – 11:45 Introduction participants, recent developments in CESEE countries Part II

11:45 – 12:45 **Presentation I : The Potential Economy of Fiscal Reform in Central and Eastern Europe**

- Presentation by Mr. G.Y. Kopits, Member of the Monetary Council of the National Bank of Hungary and former Dep. Director of Fiscal Affairs of the IMF
- Reactions by the Delegates of Georgia and Lithuania
- Discussion

12:45 – 15:00 *Lunch with visit to the Parliament Building*

15:00 – 16:30

Workshop session 1

Workshop 1a: **Government Finance Statistics (ESA95, SNA93)**

Moderator: Romania

Presentations: Eurostat and Turkey

[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Serbo-Croatian]

Workshop 1b: **Medium term budgeting**

Moderator: OECD Secretariat

Presentations: Latvia and Slovak Republic

[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Russian]

Workshop 1c: **Funding of Social Security Pensions**

Moderator: Hungary

Presentations: Poland, Hungary

[English only]

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee break

17:00 – 17:15

Report on the workshops in the plenary session

17:15 – 18:45

Budget review of Estonia

- Presentation by Joachim Wehner, London School of Economics
- Examination by the Delegates of Germany and Bulgaria
- Reaction by the Delegate of Estonia
- Discussion.

19:00

Sightseeing Tour of Bucharest and Dinner

Thursday 10 April 2008

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Workshop session 2**
- Workshop 2a: **Independent forecasting bureaus**
Moderator: Slovenia
Presentations: Slovenia and the Netherlands
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Serbo-Croatian]
- Workshop 2b: **Organisation of the Budget Bureau**
Moderator: Sweden
Presentations: Ukraine and Mr. B. Pogacar, Public Finance Consultant
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Russian]
- Workshop 2c: **Tricks of the trade (problematic bookkeeping practices)**
Moderator: the Netherlands
Presentations: Croatia and Italy
[English only]
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 11:15 Report on the workshops in the plenary session
- 11:15 – 12:45 **Budget review of Russia**
- Presentation by Dirk Kraan, OECD Secretariat
 - Examination by the Delegates of Serbia and France
 - Reaction by the Delegate of Russia
 - Discussion
- 12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Presentation II: The coordination of fiscal policy in the EU**
- Presentation by Ms. Elena Flores, Director Economies of the Member States of the Directorate General of Economic and Financial Affairs of the EU
 - Reaction by the Delegates of the Poland and Turkey
 - Discussion
- 15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:30

Panel The impact of political change on the budget, with

- Chair: Mr. Barry Anderson, Head of the Budget and Public Expenditures Division, Directorate of Governance and Territorial Development, OECD
- Mr. Aart-Jan de Geus, Deputy, Secretary General of the OECD, former Minister of Social Affairs of the Netherlands
- Mr. Varujan Vosganian, Minister of Economy and Finance, Romania
- Mr. G.Y. Kopits, Member of the Monetary Council of the National Bank of Hungary former Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs of the IMF
- Prof. Dusan Mramor, Professor of Public Finance at the University of Ljubljana, former Minister of Finance of Slovenia
- Dr. Matthias Witt, Head of Public Finance Division of German Technical Cooperation
- Ms. Elena Flores, Director Economies of the Member States in the Directorate General of Economic and Financial Affairs of the EU

19:00

Departure to evening programme