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**The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and the Slovenian 2005 OSCE Chairmanship would like to invite you to a Special Event at the 14<sup>th</sup> Economic Forum:**

***Launching of the Handbook on Labour Migration***

Tuesday, 23 May 2006, 12.30 – 13.30  
Czernin Palace (Mirror Hall), Prague

The development of the *Handbook on Establishing Effective Labour Migration Policies in Countries of Origin and Destination* is a direct follow-up to the recommendation made by the Slovenian Chair at the 13<sup>th</sup> Economic Forum to prepare a handbook on migration management policies based on good practices in the OSCE area. The Handbook has been produced jointly by OSCE, IOM and ILO.

The principal objective of the *Handbook* is to assist States, particularly those in the OSCE area, in their efforts to develop policy solutions and approaches for better management of labour migration and labour migration flows in countries of both origin and destination. It has been prepared primarily for use by *decision-makers* and *labour migration practitioners* in the OSCE area and in countries served by the IOM and ILO.

It contains analysis of effective labour migration policies and practices in countries of origin and destination, drawing upon experience from OSCE participating States as well as other countries. In particular, it discusses issues underlying policy responses, such as protection of migrant workers, benefits of organized labour migration, effective administration of labour migration, foreign labour admission policies and post-admission policies as well as irregular labour migration and inter-state cooperation.

The Slovenian 2005 OSCE Chairmanship and Senator Pierre Chevalier, Chairperson of the Economic Forum, Special Envoy of the Belgian Ministry for Foreign Affairs for the OSCE, will provide opening remarks. Following this, the key authors of the *Handbook*, Mr. Nilim Baruah, Head of Labour Migration Management Services, IOM Geneva, and Mr. Ryszard Cholewinski, Labour Migration Specialist, IOM Geneva will give an overview of the aim and main topics of the *Handbook* at the launch event.

Copies of the Handbook and CDs will be made available at the Event.