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Hyatt Regency Hotel, Belgrade

November 2-3, 2009

**TGI Executive Meetings**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

*Hyatt Regency Hotel*

13:00 *Registration*

**Plenary Session** - Ballroom I & II

14:00 *Opening & Introductory Remarks:*

**Symeon Tsomokos**, *Managing Director, TGI*

14:05 *Keynote Address:*

**Mirko Cvetkovic**, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia*

14:15 *Keynote Address:*

**Ivica Dacic**, *First Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Interior of the Republic of Serbia*

14:30 *Keynote Address:*

**Mladjan Dinkic**, *Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Economy, Regional Development of the Republic of Serbia*

14:45 *Keynote Address:*

**Bozidar Djelic**, *Deputy Prime Minister EU Integration & Minister of Science, Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia*

15:00 *Keynote Address:*

**Bojan Pajtic**, *President of the Executive Council of AP Vojvodina*

15:15 **The International Crisis & Future Economic Challenges**

*Keynote Address:*

**Professor Gikas Hardouvelis**, *University of Piraeus, Chief Economist, Eurobank EFG Group*

15:30 *Remarks:*

**Mr. Michael Kyriakides**, *Special Consultant of Operational & Managerial Processes, Alapis*

15:40 **Regional Stability**

*The foreign policy priorities of the Serbian Government and its relations with the European Union, United States and Russia.*

**Borislav Stefanovic**, *Director for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia*

**Dimitrios Kypraios**, *Ambassador Head of Mission, Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe, Belgrade*

**Alexander Konuzin**, *Russian Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia*

**Wolfram Maas**, *German Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia*

**Jennifer Brush**, *Charge d'Affairs ad interim, US Embassy to the Republic of Serbia*

**Dimosthenis Stoidis**, *Greek Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia*

**William Infante**, *UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Serbia*

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17:00 **The eventual accession of Serbia to the EU institutions**

*European Union integration is Serbia's top priority. The status of Serbia's Stabilization and Association Agreement. When Serbian Government will decide to apply for European Union candidate status? The liberalization of the visa status. Funding from the European Union.*

**Krister Bringeus**, Swedish Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia

**Vincent Degert**, Head of Delegation of the European Commission in Republic of Serbia

**Milica Delevic**, Director of the European Integration Office, Government of the Republic of Serbia

**Prof Miroljub Labus**, former Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, School of Law, University of Belgrade

**Luis de Almeida Sampaio**, Portuguese Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia

**Aleksandar Vlahovic**, former Minister of Economy & Privatization of the Republic of Serbia

*Chair: Litsa Panayotopoulos, Managing Director, Hellenic Telecommunication Organization (OTE) Academy*

18:15 *Adjourn*

18:30 *Reception at the Royal Palace*

*Bus will depart from Hyatt Hotel at 18.30 and at 20.00 will return to Hyatt Hotel for the Dinner*

20:15 *Dinner*

*Hyatt Regency Hotel - Ballroom I & II*

*Guest of Honor & Speaker:*

**Slobodan Milosavljevic**, Minister of Trade & Services of the Republic of Serbia

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

*Hyatt Regency Hotel of Belgrade*

08:30 ***Breakfast Meeting - Ballroom I & II***

**International Economic Relations, The Privatization Process and the National Investment Plan**

**Verica Kalanovic**, *Minister of National Investment Plan of the Republic of Serbia*

**Vesna Arsic**, *State Secretary for International Economic Relations of the Republic of Serbia*

**Vladislav Cvetkovic**, *Acting Director of the Privatization Agency of the Republic of Serbia*

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09:45 *Break*

**Plenary Session - Ballroom I & II**

10:00 **The course of the Serbian Economy: challenges & solutions**

*Serbia needs to take urgent steps to reduce its consolidated fiscal deficit. Will the Government raise VAT or cut public sector wages? What other contingency measures Government should take in order to stabilize the Serbian economy? The development of an economic strategy for long term reforms.*

**Diana Dragutinovic**, *Minister of Finance of the Republic of Serbia*

**Nebojsa Ciric**, *State Secretary of Economy & Privatization of the Republic of Serbia*

**Milos Bugarin**, *President, Serbian Chamber of Commerce*

**Prof. Dragan Djuricin**, *President, Serbian Economists Association*

**Dr. Milan Parivodic**, *former Minister of International Economic Relations & Finance of the Republic of Serbia, Chairman, Foreign Investors Services*

**Prof. Dr. Goran Pitic**, *former Minister of International Economic Relations of the Republic of Serbia & President of the Board of Directors, Societe Generale Bank, Serbia*

**Marina Wes**, *Lead Economist, World Bank*

**Bogdan Lissovolik**, *Resident Representative for Serbia, IMF*

**Aleksandar Radosavljevic**, *President, Foreign Investors Council*

**Ernst Bode**, *Senior Vice President South East Europe and Turkey Messer Group, President of the German Business Association*

*Chair: Theodore Karakassis, Deputy General Manager, International Activities Division, Eurobank EFG Group*

11:30 **Funding the major projects in the Republic of Serbia**

**Giovanni Daniele**, *Resident Representative for Serbia, International Finance Corporation (IFC)*

**James Stein**, *Economic Growth Office Director, USAID, Belgrade*

*Chair: Symeon Tsomokos, Managing Director, TGI*

12:00 **Environment and Spatial Planning Policies for Sustainable Economic Development**

*Keynote Address:*

**Oliver Dulic**, *Minister of Environment & Spatial Planning of the Republic of Serbia*

*Introduction: Symeon Tsomokos, Managing Director, TGI*

12:15 **The Telecom Industry**

*Serbia's goal to harmonize with EU regulations and effectively apply the Law on Telecommunications. Introduction of new electronic services for industry and citizens. Implementation of laws in the field of ICT and postal services. Completion of the legal framework.*

*Keynote Address:*

**Jasna Matic**, Minister of Telecommunications & Information Society of the Republic of Serbia

*Introduction: Symeon Tsomokos, Managing Director, TGI*

12:30 **The landscape of Foreign Investments in Serbia**

**Anastasios Topalis**, General Manager of Serbia and Montenegro, Eurofast Global Limited

*Introduction: Symeon Tsomokos, Managing Director, TGI*

12:45 *Break – light lunch*

14:00 **New Policies & Projects in the Energy Sector**

**Petar Skundric**, Minister of Energy & Mining of the Republic of Serbia

**Kirill Kravchenko**, General Manager, NIS

**Ljubo Macic**, President, Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia

**Prof., Dr. Ioannis Rokas**, IKRP International Law Firm

**Zoran Drakulic**, President, East Point Holdings

*Chair: George Stassis, Executive Director, Mamidakis Brothers Group-Moil Coal Trading*

15:00 **Issues on Banking & Finance**

**Mira Eric-Jovic**, Vice Governor of the National Bank of Serbia

**Veroljub Dugalic**, Secretary General of the Association of Serbian Banks

**Gordana Dostanic**, Director of the Belgrade Stock Exchange

**Filippos Karamanolis**, President of the Executive Board, Eurobank EFG, Serbia

**Zoran Petrovic**, Deputy President of the Executive Board, Raiffeisen Bank

**Dusan Antonic**, President of Executive Board, Agricultural Bank Agrobanka

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16:00 **Funding projects in Serbia by EBRD**

**Hildegard Gacek**, Director for Serbia, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)

16:15 **Major Transport, Municipal & Real Estate Projects**

**Milutin Mrkonjic**, Minister of Infrastructure of the Republic of Serbia

**Igor Pavlicic**, Mayor of Novi Sad

**Luka Andric**, Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia

**Dr. Vojislav Kandic**, Senior Advisor, Infrastructure Advisory, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

**Slobodan Rosic**, Director of the Directorate for Railways of the Republic of Serbia

**Branislav Bugarski**, CEO in Vojvodina Investment Promotion – VIP

**Bojan Stanojevic**, Former City Manager of Belgrade

**Jovan Jovanovic**, Country Manager, Danos – BNP Paribas Real Estate

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17:30 *End of Conference – Drinks*