

**Borrador de guión de la Reunión del grupo de amigos
de Juventud y Seguridad**

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Welcome words and introduction:

- Dear colleagues and friends, I am very pleased to welcome you to this meeting, my first as chairman of this Group of Friends since I took over as Spanish Permanent Representative in early March. At the outset I would like to pay tribute to the excellent work of my predecessor Ambassador González Román as chairperson of this informal setting. I can assure you that I and my team we are highly motivated in promoting Youth and Security agenda in this Organization. I am also especially pleased the importance given by past, present and future CIO to Youth in their priorities as CIO: Italy, Slovakia and Albania, just to name the current Troika.
- I would like to thank all the discussants around me for the valuable contributions to this meeting and all the representatives of Participating States present today. Let me thank SG, Thomas, for your personal commitment to the agenda of Youth and Security. It is highly appreciated.
- The agenda of today's meeting has been distributed under reference number PC.GAL/123/19, on the 26th September, 2019.
- This meeting, the first of two to be held this year, has the ambition to build on the previous meetings of

Group of Friends of Youth and Security and focus its attention on the OSCE-wide Youth Forum hosted by Slovak OSCE Chairmanship from Monday 28th to Tuesday 29th October 2019 in Bratislava.

- Before I present today's agenda let me stress the centrality of Youth: young people are the heirs of our society. A society which is subject to a myriad of contemporary evolutions: digitalization, automatization of their lives, the omnipresence of connectivity, insecurity and lack of certainties. In this context, supporting the empowerment and mutual understanding of young people is crucial for conflict prevention and security enhancement, the core business of this organization. Being recently back from HDIM in Warsaw I could have seen how present the topic youth is in debates, not only through side events that we promote but also from voices coming from civil society in exchanges with Participating states. I think it is quite a positive development.

Outlining today s agenda

At this point, let me outline today's agenda:

SG himself or through Ambassador Bekkers has been acting as a co-chair of the Group of Friends of Youth and Security since Spain has been on the lead of this Group back in 2015. In his presentation SG, as a way of an introduction to today's meeting, will give us an outlook of the Agenda on Youth and Security from the perspective of the OSCE Secretariat.

Secondly, Ambassador Laivola de Rosière will brief us on the outcome of the First International Symposium on the Youth Participation in Peace Processes held in Helsinki in March 2019.

Thirdly we will get deep in today's discussion through the CIO: Ambassador Zakova and the two special representatives of Youth and Security: Alba and Samuel who will elaborate on the OSCE-wide Youth Forum

Fourthly, Anna Katharina Deininger, Focal Point on Youth and Security, will address the OSCE-WIDE Expert Workshop on Youth and Peace and Security held in Sweden in September.

Fifthly, the Programme office in Nur-Sultan through Mr Arystanbek will tackle on the youth and security agenda of this field presence, including the Central Asian Youth Network.

Finally, we will close with an Exchange of proposals and information on Youth and Security activities in the OSCE region.

I would like to close this meeting around 12.45 hours. I would kindly ask delegations and speakers to try to abide by this deadline. Many thanks.

1/2. KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY SECRETARY GENERAL AND ADDRESS BY FINISH AMBASSADOR

With that, let me pass the floor to **Secretary General**

- Please **Ambassador Greminger**, dear Thomas, you have the floor.

[PONENCIA]

- Thank you very much for this presentation Secretary General
- Let me now pass the floor to **Ambassador Laivola Rosière, Paivi**, you have the floor

[PONENCIA]

- At this point I would like to ask if anyone wishes to take the floor under this agenda item. Please proceed.

[DISCUSIÓN]

- Thank you very much for your comments.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE OSCE-WIDE YOUTH FORUM IN BRATISLAVA.

- I would now like to introduce the **third item of the agenda**, which will be the **Presentation of the OSCE-WIDE Youth Forum in Bratislava**. To this end, I would like to give the floor to Ambassador **Katarina Zakova**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the OSCE 2019 Slovak Chairmanship in Office.
- Please, Katarina, you have the floor.

[PONENCIA]

- Thank you very much, Ambassador for this presentation.

- We remain under this item of the agenda, and I would like to pass the floor to Special Representative on Youth and Security, by **Alba Brojka** followed by **Samuel Goda**.

PONENCIA]

- Many thanks Alba and Samuel
- Now, I would like to ask if anyone wishes to take the floor. Please.

[DISCUSIÓN]

- Thank you very much for your comments.

4/5. PRESENTATION BY ANNA KATHARINA AND MR ARYSTANBEK.

Now I would like to give the floor to Anna Katharina who will address the OSCE-WIDE Expert Workshop on Youth and Peace and Security held in Sweden in September.

PONENCIA]

- Thank you very much.

Let me now give the floor to our last speaker, Mr Arystanbek from the Programme office in Nur-Sultan who will tackle on the youth and security agenda of this field presence, including the Central Asian Youth Network.

PONENCIA]

- At this point I would like to ask if anyone wishes to take the floor under this agenda item. Please proceed.

[DISCUSIÓN]

- Thank you very much for your comments.

6. EXCHANGE OF PROPOSALS AND INFORMATION ON YOUTH AND SECURITY ACTIVITIES IN THE OSCE REGION

- We will now move to **our fifth**, which is, an **Exchange of proposals and information on Youth and Security activities in the OSCE region**.
- At this point, I would like to inform delegations that the Spanish “Peace and Cooperation organization “with the municipality of Konjic, School Prva Osnovan and the Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina have organized the 2020 Peace and Cooperation School award and OSCE “The future of children and youth- growing happy in a safe world”. The award consist of 4 categories:
 - First category: Drawing for students aged to 2-6 preschool education. Children are invited to “dream” and to draw a world in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples and universal brotherhood.

- Second category: posters for students aged 7 to 12 (primary education) related to the declaration of the rights of the children.
 - Third category: murals for students aged 13 to 18 (secondary education). In connection with sustainable development goals and especially with SDG number 16, participants are invited to draw their ideas to achieve a peaceful and inclusive society.
 - Four category: school celebration. It consists of a drawing and pictures of a school celebration dedicated to the Rights of Children.
- There are some leaflets at your disposal. More information will be circulated electronically.
 - With this I would like to open the floor for discussion. Is there anyone wishing to take the floor under this agenda item?

[INTERVENCIONES]

- Thank you for your remarks.

7. AOB

Is there any other business?

8. CONCLUSION

- We have reached the end of today's meeting of the Group of Friends on Youth and Security. Once again, I would like to thank today's speakers for their insightful presentations, and all of you for your participation and constructive engagement in the meeting.
- We wish the CIO a successful OSCE-wide Youth Forum in Bratislava.
- I would like to inform all delegations that the next meeting of the Group of Friends on Youth and Security will take place early next year .
- The agenda for this meeting will be circulated in due course.
- Thank you very much, this meeting is now adjourned.