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TO: DPPI Partners and Experts
DPPI Advisory Board Members
(see e-mail address list)

SUBJECT: DPPI Regional Meeting in Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, October 20 - 21, 2005

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the DPPI Chair, Ambassador Janez Premoze, I have the pleasure of inviting you at the DPPI Regional Meeting, to be held on October 20 – 21, 2005 in Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro.

As with the previous DPPI Regional Meetings, it is the Chair's intention to stimulate an effective debate on key issues and questions related to the role of the DPPI and further regionalization of the Initiative and consequently activities and Work Plan for 2006. Some of these issues and questions have been already identified and initially discussed before and some of them have arisen recently.

The format of the DPPI Regional Meeting will be as usual, with two main parts, Administrative issues and Program issues, as indicated in the Draft Agenda. Although there are several brief presentations planned, we would like most of the time to make available for the debate.

Directors/Heads of the Civil Protection and Disaster Management authorities of the countries from the South Eastern Europe and the DPPI Advisory Board members are cordially invited to lead their National delegations and to efficiently contribute to the debate on presented topics.

We would like to capitalize on existing and past achievements and to use expert advises to frame and create the future of the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative of the South Eastern Europe.

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Delegates and delegations are invited to prepare themselves for such topical debate.

Please find attached a Draft Agenda, administrative facts for participants and a registration form (to be completed and send back no later than October 10, 2005).

Looking forward to meeting you in Belgrade,

(signed)

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