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Dear Colleague,

As the current OSCE Chairmanship, Ukraine attaches great importance to raising awareness of the OSCE activities among young people. Strengthening OSCE's efforts in promoting tolerance, mutual respect and understanding among young generation belongs to Chairmanship's priorities. We also acknowledge the valuable contribution youth can make in combating intolerance and discrimination.

In this regard the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship in cooperation with All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation "Hope and Good" will host the OSCE Youth Summit taking place from 20 July to 1 August 2013 at the International Children's Resort "Artek" in Crimea, Ukraine.

The Summit is aimed at raising awareness among youth representatives from OSCE participating states of current security issues and challenges, as well as promoting principles of tolerance and non-discrimination among young generation. The Summit will be held in a unique youth environment providing for intercultural dialogue and sharing ideas of peaceful development and stability.

The OSCE Youth Summit agenda includes workshops, open debates, an awareness raising campaign, leisure time and off-site activities. The participation of the officials from the OSCE, its participating States, as well as experts and representatives of civil society is expected to contribute to a comprehensive exchange of thoughts with and among young participants.

I look forward to welcoming a youth delegation from your country at the OSCE Youth Summit and kindly ask you to bring this invitation to the attention of the authorities and institutions concerned (concept paper and participants' application forms are attached herewith).

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Kozhara'.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Ministers for Foreign Affairs
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OSCE Youth Summit 2013 Concept Paper

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

OSCE pays specific attention to youth education and human resources development. Areas encompassed by OSCE projects cover a wide range of topics from adherence to human rights to environmental protection issues, tolerance promotion and support of minorities' rights etc.

In 2008 the most urgent issues facing the world today were put forward for discussion by students representing more than 30 OSCE Participating States. Abovementioned subjects were discussed at a three-day Model OSCE conference held in Vienna.

In a framework of the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship we propose to engage youth representatives from OSCE Participating States as well as Partners for Co-operation into discussion of problematic questions pertaining to all three dimensions of the Organization's activities.

Bearing in mind a priority of further enhancement of interaction between youth representatives from the OSCE region, relying on extensive experience of All-Ukrainian Charity Fund "Hope and Good" in hosting international children's festivals on the territory of International Children's Centre "Artek" (Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine), with support of OSCE Secretary General, the Ukrainian Chairmanship puts forward an initiative of conducting OSCE Youth Summit in 2013.

2. TASKS AND OBJECTIVES

OSCE Youth Summit will aim at:

- educating youth about OSCE activities in all three dimensions of co-operation and existing within the Organization instruments of overcoming challenges and combating threats to security and stability in the area of OSCE responsibility;
- establishing direct contacts between youth representatives from OSCE Participating States and Partners for Co-operation in a context of seeking for a common vision and possible ways of strengthening co-operation in order to solve global challenges currently facing the world;
- creating a youth platform for exchange of thoughts and intercultural communication aimed at breeding ethnical and religious tolerance as well as national consciousness and development of leadership potential among young people.

OSCE Youth Summit core tasks will be:

- introducing OSCE activities aimed at solving current problems persisting on the territory covered by OSCE work to the Summit participants;
- creating conducive environment for youth to express their thoughts regarding current challenges, spreading the idea of peaceful development, support for stability; increasing youth awareness and capabilities to solve problems in a non-violent way;
- strengthening the role of youth in decision-making process at international organizations' level, particularly OSCE; facilitating communication of children's initiatives to OSCE, Participating States and Partners for Co-operation leadership;
- discovering leadership capabilities among youth representatives and encouraging their active engagement into work of youth organizations aimed at training future leaders and senior officials;
- inspiring youth to nurture good relations among themselves and within a group; assisting in establishing, developing and strengthening good-neighbourly relations among countries, facilitating cultural and humanitarian co-operation in children's environment, international integration, fostering among children a culture of intercultural communication; providing a stimulus for a more thorough studying of national traditions, customs and cultures of their own counties; promoting preservation of values common to mankind;
- providing for positive interaction between youth representatives through engaging them into participation in discussions, trainings, workshops, forums, competitions, exhibitions and festivities;
- stimulating brainstorming sessions; developing personal intellectual, communication and creative talents; discovering common interests among representatives of different nationalities; demonstrating a goal-oriented creative co-operation among youth;
- cultivating ethnical and religious tolerance and national consciousness among youth;
- providing youth with an opportunity to take part in simulations alike Model United Nations, European Youth Parliament or Children's League of Nations;
- enrooting the traditions of holding annual international children's festivals on the territory of International Children's Centre "Artek" (ICC "Artek").

Based on abovementioned set of goals and tasks, OSCE Youth Summit is proposed to be carried out under the title *"Our Difference Is Our Wealth, Our Unity Is Our Strength"*.

3. EVENT STATUS AND ORGANIZERS

OSCE Youth Summit will be held under the auspices of the Ukrainian Chairmanship in OSCE.

The Summit will be organized by All-Ukrainian Charity Fund "Hope and Good" and ICC "Artek" with support of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and OSCE Secretariat.

4. TIMEFRAMES AND VENUE

Venue: International Children's Centre "Artek" (<http://www.artek.ua>, address: Ukraine, 98645, Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Big Yalta area, Leningradska street, 41).

Timeframes: from the 20th of July to the 1st of August 2013 (arrival from the 17th of July, departure up until the 4th of August).

5. PARTICIPANTS

An invitation to participate in the Summit will be extended to organized groups including up to 5 children age 12-16 and accompanied by an adult. Invitations will be sent to participants from OSCE Participating States (57 countries) and Partners for Co-operation (11 countries) through diplomatic channels in a form of a letter by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, OSCE Chairman-in-Office H.E. Mr. Leonid Kozhara addressed to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Participating States and Partners for Co-operation.

6. LOGISTICAL MODALITIES

Expenses related to delegations' participation in the Summit will be covered by organizers. Such expenses will include: transfer on the territory of Ukraine and ICC "Artek", accommodation, meals, cultural and education programme.

Children will be accommodated separately from adults in 8-person bedrooms of "Yantarniy" and "Hryshaleviy" camps of ICC "Artek" and split into groups of 30. Educational specialists of ICC "Artek" will be constantly supervising all children activities while ICC "Artek" security services will provide security surveillance of a residence area as well as locations where events held in the Summit framework are to take place.

7. PROGRAMME

Plan of activities of OSCE Youth Summit will include the following items:

- *Summit Opening Ceremony;*
- *Three thematic platforms* on the following topics:
 - Role of Youth in Conflicts Prevention
 - Environmental Protection for the Future
 - Youth and Internet: Opportunities and Challenges
- *Awareness raising campaign* aimed at informing participants about the current challenges and the OSCE activities as well as country presentations (including hoisting flags; playing games; interactive exhibitions; wall newspaper competition; staging performances etc.);

Based on the results of awareness raising campaign each of the children groups is encouraged to present their vision and perception of information received (be it in a written or any other form, i.e., pictures, banners, sculptures, origami etc.) and put it for general display.

- *OSCE Ministerial Council simulation;*
- *Summit Closing Ceremony.*

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Deadline for the registration of participants is June 1, 2013. You are requested to e-mail completed application forms to the All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation of Hope and Good at [found_hg@i.ua](mailto:hg@i.ua) (if you fail to meet this deadline please let us know ASAP!).

The delegation is allowed to arrive in Artek ICC only after having negotiated all participation issues with the organizing team.

APPLICATION FORM

for the participants to the OSCE Children and Youth Summit
(Artek ICC, AR of Crimea, Ukraine)

Country _____ Number of delegation members _____

National Coordinator:

Last Name	
First Name	
Company	
Position	
Phone	
E-mail	

Information about the delegation:

- City/cities represented;
- Name of organization represented

Delegation Leader

Last name		
First Name		
Sex	Date of birth	
Passport No.		
Company/position		
Telephone		
E-mail		

List of Children (in alphabetic order)

No	Last name	First Name	Sex	Date of birth	Passport number

Arrival and Departure Information (with all transits):

Arrival Date	Transport	Route	Train/ Flight #	Carriage #	Time of arrival in Simferopol (local time)
Departure Date	Transport	Route	Train/ Flight #	Carriage #	Time of departure from Simferopol (local time)

NOTE!

Upon arrival in the Artek ICC, leaders of delegations shall submit to the Festival's Organizing Team:

- completed application form;
- personal medical records of children;
- health insurance certificates of children and delegation leader;
- passports of all delegation members;

Please, note that children without personal medical records are not allowed to the camps, they will be immediately isolated and will have to return home at their own expense.