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0900-0915 WELCOMING REMARKS

Speakers: **The Hon. Ms. Emine Bozkurt MEP**,
Host of the Central America Working Group,
Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central
America (European Parliament)

Matthew T. King
Associate, Head of Preventive Diplomacy Initiatives,
EastWest Institute

0915-1045 **SESSION 1:**
**Mobilizing Early Response in Central America: translating ideas into
action**

Moderator: **Carlos Alfonso Torres Jiménez**,
FUNPADEM/PLACPaz/CRIES

- Introduction to the workshop
- Brief statements/feedback from participants representing a broad range of views (international organizations, regional organizations, national governments, other civil society initiatives) on the current state of conflict/security affairs in the Central America region.
- Brief presentation of the Central American Project, coordinated by CRIES. Process details, lessons learned and current status of the initiative. Presentation of the preliminary Preventive Action Agenda, designed by civil society organizations and networks, based on a participatory process and consultations.
- Brief presentation of the EWI/UNDP-LAC regional preparatory meeting outcomes document.
- Feedback on initiatives and an additional exchange of experiences and lessons learned on the initiatives implemented in the field to prevent violent or armed confrontations in the region.
- Discussion on how to translate strategies mentioned in the document into concrete actions.

1045-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1230 **SESSION 2:**
**What do we mean by "Preventive Action in a Central American
Context"?**

Moderator: **Dr. Wolf Grabendorff**,
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

- To define a specific set of criteria for preventive action in Central America that incorporates input from all stakeholders.
- To distinguish between the 3 different strategies for preventive

action: long term structural prevention, operational prevention and post-conflict prevention.

- To apply this criteria to critical challenges currently facing the region: organized crime & border conflicts.
- To identify the range of options for preventive action for the different stakeholders.

1230-1330 Lunch break

1330-1445 **SESSION 3:
Building political will and commitment towards the implementation of effective preventive action.**

Moderator: **Manuela Mesa,**
CEIPAZ

- How does civil society become more relevant to policymakers?
- To build an innovative structure for advocacy from civil society so that preventive action strategies can become policy in national governments.
- To further collaboration efforts between national governments and regional institutions.

1445-1500 Coffee Break

1500-1600 **SESSION 4:
Concrete Steps to Drive Forward the Preventive Action Agenda**

Speaker: **Gilberto Rodrigues,**
GAPCon

- To consolidate the proposals made throughout the working group, outline an overall vision for preventive action in Central America, and to clearly define a set of specific and concrete recommendations that will help to better coordinate action and influence conflict prevention policy in the region.
- These recommendations can build upon the EWI/UNDP-LAC regional preparatory meeting outcomes document that details key recommendations.
- These recommendations will feed into the Global Action Plan.

1600-1800 **SESSION 5:
Reception & Reporting Back**

Speaker: **Carlos Alfonso Torres Jiménez,**
FUNPADEM/PLACPaz/CRIES

Brief presentation on the main points of discussion and on the concrete recommendations established for Central America.