

“THE ROLE OF PRIVATE DIPLOMACY: THE CHD EXPERIENCE”



Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Casa de Galicia
C/ Casado del Alisal, 8 – Madrid



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

09:30 – 12:00 First Session - Mediation and Private Diplomacy Today

09:30-09:35 Welcoming remarks, Shlomo Ben-Ami, Vice-President, CITpax

9:35-9:45 Introduction by Martin Griffiths, Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

A brief introduction on the CHD, its origins, trajectory, philosophy and goals.

9:45-10:15 Presentation by Andrew Marshall, Deputy Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

What has been the evolution of the field of private diplomacy in the past 15 years? What has been the HD Centre's evolving position within the field? What is the current niche of private diplomacy? What are the current limitations and challenges facing private diplomacy? How is the current niche for private diplomacy likely to evolve in the future? What is the likelihood of changed opportunities for private diplomacy actors in the near- to medium-term future?

10:15 – 10:30 Comments by Emilio Cassinello, Director General, CITpax

10:30 – 11:30 Debate

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 14:00 Second Session – The Future of Private Diplomacy

12:00 – 12:45 Presentation by Martin Griffiths, Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

What have we learned about the main strengths and limitations of private diplomacy actors in the past decade? What should be the main focus of these actors? What are the linkages between official and unofficial mediators? How important is the coordination between official and unofficial actors, and how can it be achieved efficiently? How can private diplomacy actors better coordinate with each other? How to ensure accountability? How can private diplomacy professionalize in the immediate future? What are the causes, risks and

12:45 – 13:00 Comments by Shlomo Ben-Ami, Vice-President, CITpax

13:00 – 13:15 Comments by Iqbal Riza, Former Chef de Cabinet of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Senior Fellow, Concordia21, Spain

13:15 – 14:00 Debate

14:00 Lunch

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