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PROGRAMME CCME-UNHCR EXPERT SEMINAR

A Baltic approach to refugee resettlement ?!

Preparing for the challenges and opportunities of an emerging tool of refugee protection in the EU

Riga, 11.-12.5. 2009

11th May 2009

Morning: Arrival participants (Hotel Avalon 70, Kaleju Str. /13.Janvara str. 19, Riga, LV 1050)

Venue: Consistory Evang. Luth. Church Latvia, House "Virsalde", M. Pils iela 4, 1050 Riga.

12.00 **Welcome**

- Dr Torsten Moritz, Executive Secretary CCME
- Mr Ajmal Khybari, Senior Resettlement Officer UNHCR
- Dean Elijs Godins, Dean of Riga Cathedral Lutheran Church Latvia
- World of Greetings from Chair Human Rights Committee of the Saeima , tbc

12.30 **Resettlement: what, why and what is new in Europe ?**
UNHCR (Vincent Cochetel, Ajmal Khybari)

13.30 *Sandwich lunch*

14.30 Starting resettlement in a post-communist country

Evzen Divis, Refugee Facilities Administration, Czech Ministry of the Interior

15.30 **Panel discussion: Resettlement – an option for the Baltic States ?**

- Kert Valdaru, Deputy Head Migration & Border Policy Dept. Estonia, tbc

- Janis Citskovskis, Deputy Head Office of Citizenship & Migration Affairs
Latvia

– Violeta Murauskaite Undersecretary Ministry of Social Affairs,
Lithuania, tbc

16.30 *Coffee*



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- 17.00 **Mobilising political support**
 - Mart Nutt, MP Estonia
 - Boriss Cilevics, MP Latvia
 - Audronius.Azubalis, MP Lithuania (Chair Foreign Affairs Committee)
 tbc
- 18.30 end of day 1
- 19.30 *supper in town*

12th May 2009

- 8.00 breakfast
- 9.00 **Panel: Communicating Resettlement, making integration work**
 - Ilze Brands Kehris, Latvian Centre for Human Rights
 - Kristi Toodo, Jan Tönissen Institute, Tallinn'
 - Linas Kukuraitis, Caritas Vilnius
- 10.30 *Coffee*
- 11.00 **National workshop**
 Space for separate meetings of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian group
- 12.45 **Feedback in plenary**
- 13.30 **Preliminary conclusions**
- 14.00 **End of event**
 Buffet Lunch

THE SEMINAR IS CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH