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Pascal Lamy to give Gunnar Myrdal Lecture on “Global Governance: Lessons from Europe”

**Palais des Nations (Salle XX), Geneva
Tuesday, 22 February 2005, 6.00 p.m.**



This year's Gunnar Myrdal Lecture will be delivered by Pascal Lamy, former Trade Commissioner of the European Commission. His presentation will focus on global governance: lessons from Europe. Pascal Lamy, aged 57, holds an

MBA in Economy and Political Science. He began his career in the French civil service in the Inspection Générale des Finances and in the Treasury before becoming an adviser to the Finance Minister Jacques Delors, and subsequently to Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. In Brussels from 1985 to 1994, he took up the post of Head of Cabinet for the President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors, including the role of Sherpa in the G7. In November 1994, he joined the team responsible for the rescue of Credit Lyonnais, later becoming CEO of the bank.

After the privatisation of Credit Lyonnais in 1999, Pascal Lamy became the EU Trade Commissioner

in the European Commission led by Romano Prodi until November 2004. While Trade Commissioner, Mr. Lamy demonstrated a great sympathy for the interests of both transition and developing countries. He also worked to ensure that the EU placed significant emphasis on integrating less-advantaged countries into the services-led global economy. He was an advocate for increased cooperation between the EU and the UN. In 2002 he addressed the first UNECE International Forum on Trade Facilitation.

He is now devoting his time to academic activities, largely issues related to Europe, the economy and international trade. Mr. Lamy is President of the foundation “Notre Europe” (where he succeeded Jacques Delors), he is associate professor at l'Institut d'Études Politiques in Paris, he is adviser to Poul Nyrup Rasmussen (President of the European Socialist Party), and to Pierre Mauroy (Chairman of Foundation Jean Jaurès) and he is also a member of the Advisory Board of Transparency International (Berlin).

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It's just happened ...

Aarhus Convention : further work foreseen on narrowing proposals for GMOs amendment

The Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention, at its 4th meeting (1-4 February), reached agreement on four draft decisions, in preparation for the 2nd ordinary meeting of the Parties (MOP-2), to be held on 25-27 May 2005 in Almaty (Kazakhstan). These draft decisions for consideration and possible adoption by the MOP cover access to justice, electronic information tools and the clearing-house mechanism, and accession by non-UNECE countries to the Convention. The Working Group also agreed to forward the draft decision on genetically modified organisms (GMOs),

annexing four options for an amendment to the Convention. The Meeting decided to set up an informal “friends of the chair” group to further elaborate a draft decision on public participation in international forums before forwarding it to the Working Group of the Parties for consideration at its fifth meeting. That meeting will be held in Almaty on the eve of the MOP.

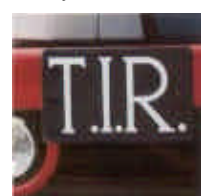
For more information on preparations for the second Meeting of the Parties see:

<http://www.unece.org/env/pp/mop2.htm>

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Mandatory rules concerning identification of TIR operators

The Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), which met in Geneva between 31 January and 4 February 2005, considered many questions relating to the agreements providing facilitation of international overland transport in the UNECE region and beyond. Among the key topics discussed by



Customs and transport authorities and international trade organizations from more than 40 countries, many of them economies in transition, were harmonization of international frontier controls, facilitation of Customs procedures for international rail transport, procedures for temporary importation of vehicles, and international procedures for

transit of goods. Among the key results of the meeting was the approval of the on-going work to computerize the international goods transit arrangement, the TIR Convention.

The TIR Administrative Committee, executive body of the TIR Convention which met in conjunction with the Working Party, adopted a number of

new provisions to be introduced into the TIR Convention aiming at the sustainability of the Convention. These provisions include the mandatory use of an ID-number for authorized TIR operators and the mandatory transmission of Customs data on termination of TIR transports to the international guaranteeing chain.

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Coming up soon ...

February

- 14-15 Joint UNECE/OECD Work Session on Statistical Dissemination and Communication (Henley-on-Thames, United Kingdom)
- 15-17 Inland Transport Committee
- 16-18 Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Facts and figures:

Consumer price index, total

*Selected South-east Europe and CIS countries
(Change over the same period of the previous year, per cent)*

	2002	2003	2004					
			Q1	Q2	Q3	M10	M11	M12
South-east Europe	35.0	21.0	12.9	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.4	8.1
Albania	5.3	2.5	3.9	2.8	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.9	0.2	0.9	-0.5	-1.1	-1.0	-1.1	-1.0
Bulgaria	5.8	2.3	6.4	6.7	6.6	5.7	4.4	3.9
Croatia	1.8	2.2	2.7	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.7
Romania	22.5	15.4	13.6	12.3	11.8	10.7	9.8	9.2
Serbia and Montenegro	19.3	9.6	8.2	9.7	11.5	11.9	12.1	12.6
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2.3	1.1	1.9	-0.5	-1.6	-1.8	-1.9	-3.1
Turkey	44.9	25.4	14.0	9.3	9.6	10.0	9.8	..
CIS (12)	15.0	13.3	11.2	10.6	11.2	11.5	11.4	11.4
Armenia	1.0	4.7	7.8	7.3	8.3	6.2	4.8	..
Azerbaijan	2.8	2.1	5.5	6.3	5.2	8.4	10.2	..
Belarus	42.8	28.5	22.4	19.7	17.0	14.8	14.5	..
Georgia	5.7	4.9	5.9	4.8	5.4	7.6	4.0	..
Kazakhstan	6.0	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.6	7.8	7.0	7.0
Kyrgyzstan	2.1	3.1	5.3	2.9	5.6	3.1	2.0	2.8
Republic of Moldova	5.3	11.7	14.6	13.0	11.1	10.8	11.5	12.5
Russian Federation	16.0	13.6	10.8	10.3	11.1	11.6	11.7	11.7
Tajikistan	12.2	16.3	8.5	5.7	8.6	6.5	5.5	..
Ukraine	0.8	5.2	7.4	7.4	9.6	11.7	11.3	12.3

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Source: UNECE Statistical Database, compiled from Eurostat, OECD and national sources.

Note: Regional growth in December estimated by growth in partial available region.