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Session One

Common Security Challenges

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- What are your five top (national and/or regional) challenges, such as counter-terrorism, energy security and economic exchange?
 - Narco-traffic (related criminal activities coming from outside)
 - Terrorism
 - Religious Extremism
(question whether to combine terrorism and religious extremism challenges)
 - Problems related to land locked and enclave location (far from markets etc.) with repercussions for energy and transport, infrastructure, communication.
 - *Socio – economic imbalances*
 - *Ecology- environment*
 - *Intra-regional crime (apart from narco-traffic)*



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Session Two

Instruments for Networked Security Policy and Security Cooperation

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- What security cooperation instruments have been established in your security environment?
 - bilateral instruments: contacts at working level
special programmes like BOMCA/CADAP or with int. org. like EUROPOL
 - Regional instruments:
 - Institutionalized political dialogue in regional/international organizations as CIS, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Eurasian Economic Community, Collective Security Treaty Organization.
 - Proposed
Central Asian Union proposed by Kazakhstan



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Multilateral and Regional Security Cooperation

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- What are your top priorities for cooperation with the EU/ESDP, NATO, and the OSCE?
 - Education/transfer of know how
 - rule of law/law-enforcement sector reform
 - Technology transfer
 - Border security
- What are your top three priorities for regional security cooperation?
 - To bring about better coordination between interested organizations
 - To create a system where there is a tailor made approach to the specific nature of problems and challenges
 - Preventive diplomacy



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Session Four

Way Ahead

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- What are your top suggestions for the way ahead regarding regional cooperation, including the area of security policy, in Central Asia?
 - Preventive diplomacy should be considered
 - Creation of the common informational space in Central Asia
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- What are your top suggestions for the EU's Neighborhood Policy in Central Asia?
 - Create individual agenda for each country of Central Asia

