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## MEDIA ADVISORY

## Media registration open for the OSCE Informal Ministerial Meeting on 11 July in Mauerbach, Austria

VIENNA, 22 June 2017 – On 11 July 2017, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs Sebastian Kurz, in his role as Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), invites his colleagues from the 57 OSCE participating States, the President and General Secretary of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the United Nations to an informal meeting in Mauerbach. With this, Austria, which holds the OSCE Chairmanship in 2017, demonstrates once again its long-standing role as a place of dialogue.

The meeting, under the motto, "Building Trust through Dialogue and Co-operation", is taking place in the context of a serious crisis in European security, in which States are confronted with external and internal threats.

In the plenary session, senior representatives of participating States will exchange views on threats to security, as well as on current developments. In addition to the conflicts in the OSCE area, the main topics will include migration, terrorism, human rights, rule of law and democracy.

Further information is available online at: www.bmeia.gv.at/osce-meeting-mauerbach

The OSCE Informal Ministerial Meeting will be held at the Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach. The hamlet of Mauerbach lies a few kilometres west of the Austrian capital in the Vienna Woods.

The Media Centre will be located on the premises of the Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach and will be open on 11 July 2017 from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.

Please note that the entrance for media representatives is located on Bäckergasse. Online registration for media representatives with the Austrian Federal Press Service is available now at: <a href="https://www.bundeskanzleramt.at/accreditation">www.bundeskanzleramt.at/accreditation</a>

**ATTENTION:** Photographers and camera operators are in addition to their online registration requested to register in advance for participation in media photo-op events by sending the information specified on the webpage to: osze2017@bmeia.gv.at.

SNG trucks also need to pre-register by sending the information specified on the webpage to <a href="mailto:osze2017@bmeia.gv.at">osze2017@bmeia.gv.at</a> in order to receive a "Wagenkarte" which is handed out by the Austrian Federal Press Service together with their accreditation. Without a valid

"Wagenkarte" access to and parking near the premises of the Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach will not be possible.

A shuttle bus service from Vienna city centre to Mauerbach will be provided for media representatives participating in the OSCE Informal Ministerial Meeting.

Detailed information for media representatives concerning accreditation and logistics can be found on the website of the Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs: www.bmeia.gv.at/osce-meeting-mauerbach, subpage: "Media accreditation".

For PDF attachments or links to sources of further information, please visit: http://www.osce.org/chairmanship/324746