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### **OSCE to host media conference in Dushanbe on access to information and new technologies**

DUSHANBE, 24 May 2010 - The 12th Annual Central Asia Media Conference hosted by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Dunja Mijatovic, and the OSCE Office in Tajikistan will start tomorrow in Dushanbe.

The two-day event will provide a forum for discussion on media developments and challenges that journalists face in the region, with a focus on issues related to access to information and new technologies, including the Internet. Agenda topics include international standards on access to information, Internet development and regulation and access to information in Central Asia.

International and regional experts, civil society representatives and academics will take part in the event. Journalists and representatives of governments and civil society from all five Central Asian republics and a journalist from Afghanistan are expected to attend.

The conference provides an opportunity to co-ordinate efforts to promote fulfillment of media-freedom commitments made by the 56 participating States of the OSCE, which include all five Central Asia countries.

Conference participants are expected to draft and adopt recommendations in a Conference Declaration, which will be used as a base for follow-up activities.

Mijatovic will address the conference on Tuesday morning.

Journalists are invited to the conference, which starts at 9.00 a.m. on 25 May at the Hyatt Regency Dushanbe, Prospekt Ismoili Somoni 26/1.

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