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SUPERVISORY BOARD

Members of the Supervisory Board:

- 1. Ambassador Terhi Hakala, EU Special Representative for Central Asia**
- 2. Prof. Danilo Turk, Third President of Slovenia**
- 3. Dr. Marc Zeitoun, Director General of Geneva Water Hub**

A supervisory board is a body established during project implementation in an organization to provide independent oversight, strategic guidance and advice on important issues. It plays a critical role in ensuring transparency, efficiency and protecting the interests of the various stakeholders involved in a project or organization.

Objectives of an supervisory board:

Strategic Guidance: The advisory board provides high-level strategic orientation and advice, helping the project or organization adapt to changing environments, define long-term goals, and chart pathways for their achievement.

Control and Oversight: The board monitors the activities of the executive leadership, ensuring compliance with norms and standards, minimizing risks of corruption, misconduct, and conflicts of interest.

Transparency and Accountability: The advisory board contributes to maintaining a high degree of transparency in the project's or organization's activities vis-à-vis stakeholders such as investors, partners, and the public. It also ensures regular presentation of reports on project progress and financial health.

Stakeholder Interests: The advisory board safeguards the interests of various stakeholders, including shareholders, customers, employees, and the public, helping to balance their needs and expectations.

Tasks of an advisory board:

Selection and Evaluation of Leadership: The board participates in the appointment and evaluation of the executive leadership, ensuring alignment with the project's or organization's strategic goals and values.

Strategic Planning: The advisory board engages in the development and approval of strategic plans, determining priorities and directions for growth.

Risk Management: The board assesses risks associated with the project or activities and suggests measures to minimize or manage them.

Financial Oversight: The advisory board monitors financial activities, approves budgets, tracks financial indicators, and presents reports to shareholders and other stakeholders.

Compliance with Laws and Standards: The advisory board ensures that the project or organization operates in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and standards.

Support for Innovation and Development: The board may foster the development of new ideas, technologies, and strategies, contributing to innovative advancement.

Ambassador Terhi Hakala appointed EU Special Representative for Central Asia

The Council of the European Union has appointed Ambassador Terhi Hakala to serve as the EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia, starting on 1 July 2021.



The EUSR's responsibilities for Central Asia focus on the EU's ongoing and comprehensive cooperation with the countries of the region. The cooperation covers a wide range of issues in the following sectors: security, rule of law, environment, water resources, climate change, education, human rights with a focus on women and girls.

Ms. Hakala has previously served as Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN, WTO and other international organizations in Geneva, Director General of the Department for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Ambassador to India, Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia, and Finland's Ambassador-at-Large for the South Caucasus. Most recently, she was Ambassador for Countering Hybrid Threats at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Drawing on her many years of experience, she is committed to building close cooperation between the EU and the Central Asian region.

"In Central Asia, the EU is a welcome and counterbalancing partner to help solve the region's problems. The EU has many tools that can be used to help recover from the global pandemic. The EUSR mandate for Central Asia emphasizes the need to strengthen regional cooperation and stability in interaction with the countries of the region and other international actors. This will become even more important in the coming years than before," Hakala notes.

Danilo Türk



Danilo Türk (pronounced [da'ni:lo 'týrk]; born 19 February 1952) is a Slovenian diplomat, professor of international law, human rights expert, and political figure who served as **President of Slovenia from 2007 to 2012**. He was the first Slovene ambassador to the United Nations, from 1992 to 2000, and was the UN Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs from 2000 to 2005.

Türk is a visiting professor of international law at Columbia University in New York City, a professor emeritus at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana, and non-resident senior fellow of Chongyang Institute for Financial studies at Renmin University of China in Beijing. He is the founder of the Danilo Türk Foundation, devoted mostly to the rehabilitation of child victims of armed conflict. Türk is also the chairman of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace and the chairman of the board of the Global Fairness Initiative, a Washington, D.C.-based NGO dedicated to economic and social development in developing nations.

In 2016, he was an unsuccessful candidate for the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Professor Mark Zeitoun

Mark Zeitoun is a professor of water security at the School of International Development, and Water Security Research Center, University of East Anglia and adjunct professor at McGill University. His research into water and war stems from a professional career as a humanitarian-aid water engineer, and adviser on water security policy and transboundary water negotiations throughout the Middle East and Africa.

