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Serbs and Their Neighbors: Paths to Europe

**Serbs in the Twenty-First Century. PER Roundtable Series.
Third Roundtable**

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AGENDA

1. Serbia's Vision for the Future

- a) Is there a common vision for the future of Serbia in which all Serbia's political parties and ethnic groups can share? Report on the conclusions of the first and second roundtables held in Serbia.
- b) What crucial reforms are left to be implemented in Serbia (political, economic, constitutional)? Are these reforms on track? What are the remaining obstacles to completing reforms? Is the democratization of Serbia complete?
- c) How are Serbia's reforms and democratization being affected by the ongoing negotiations over the future status of Kosovo? Will the pace of these reforms be affected by this?
- d) Is the common vision for Serbia's future shared by Serbs from outside of Serbia?
- e) How does Serbia see its relations with these Serbs? How do Serbia's relations with Serbs outside of Serbia and Serbia's own minorities affect Serbia's relations with its neighbors?

2. Working Together Toward a European Future

- a) Is Serbia's vision for the future shared by its neighbors? Can former adversaries become future partners?
- b) How does Serbia see its place in the region and in Europe in the 21st century?
- c) What does Serbia need from the region? What do the region and Europe need from Serbia? How do they see today's Serbia?
- d) What are the main obstacles to realizing Serbia's vision? Can Serbia and its neighbors work together in confronting the obstacles and achieving their goals? Can Serbia benefit from the experiences of its neighbors in overcoming similar obstacles?
- e) How can the region work together toward membership in the European Union? What is needed to enhance cooperation?
- f) How can the EU and the United States help Serbia and the region achieve their goals for the future? Is a change in approach needed?