

**Estonia**

**Written Right of Reply, HDIM 2017**

**WS 17 Fundamental Freedoms II (Freedom of movement)**

In response to the statements of the Legal Information Centre for Human Rights, Estonia would like to recall our statement from September 2016 and remind LICHR that all sovereign states are free to control and decide on the entry of foreigners. It is important to stress that this principle is in full accordance with principles of international law as well as relevant OSCE commitments.

As concerns the cases mentioned in the LICHR statement, we can assure that the persons have had access to the decisions prohibiting them entry into the country and they have used their right to challenge these decisions in court.

As regards all the statements of LICHR where Crimea has been mentioned, we would like to reiterate that the European Union together with all its MS, including Estonia, do not recognize the illegal annexation of Crimea and therefore it is not possible to recognise documents issued by Russian authorities in Crimea.