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Bios of introducers and moderators

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MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2016

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| OPENING PLENARY SESSION | 10 a.m.–1 p.m. |
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Mr. Michael Georg Link (Opening Remarks)

Michael Georg Link (Germany) began his tenure as ODIHR director on 1 July 2014. Before joining the Office, he served from January 2012 to December 2014 as the Minister of State for Europe in the German government, responsible for OSCE, EU, Council of Europe and NATO affairs. He was elected to the German parliament in 2005, representing Heilbronn/Baden-Württemberg, and served through 2013. During that term, from 2006 to 2013, Link established a strong OSCE connection as a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

The ODIHR director is a past member of the boards of the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), the German Foundation for Peace Research and the Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation, and remains active in international NGOs, including the German Council on Foreign Relations, the German Association for Eastern European Studies, the Southeast Europe Association, and the German Atlantic Association.

Born in Heilbronn in 1963, Link studied Russian, French, Political Science, Public Law and Eastern European History at the University of Augsburg, the University of Lausanne and Heidelberg University.

Minister Witold Waszczykowski (Opening Remarks)

Witold Waszczykowski, Minister of Foreign Affairs, was born in Piotrkow Trybunalski on 5 May 1957. A diplomat with a degree in history, he holds a PhD in the humanities.

The chief of Polish diplomacy graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy and History at the University of Lodz (1980), and the Department of International Studies at the University of Oregon (1991) in the United States. In 1992-93, he pursued postgraduate studies in international security and arms control at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Switzerland. In 1993, he was awarded a PhD in the humanities (history) for his dissertation *The United States and the Strategic Disarmament Negotiations in 1919-36*. From 1981 to 1987, he was an assistant lecturer at the Faculty of Philosophy and History of the University of Lodz.

He began his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the early 1990s. In 1992, he became a senior expert in the United Nations System Department and the European Institutions Department, and in 1996 he was named deputy director of the European Institutions Department, and then of the Security Policy Department. In 1997, he served as head of Poland's Liaison Office to NATO in Brussels, and went on to become deputy Permanent Representative of Poland at the newly created diplomatic mission to the North Atlantic Alliance (1997-99). From 1999 to 2002, he was posted as Poland's Ambassador to Iran. In 2003, he worked at the Department of Foreign Policy Strategy and Planning, and in 2005 became deputy director of the Department of Africa and the Middle East. In 2005-08, he was deputy foreign minister, also serving as the chief negotiator during Poland-US missile shield talks.

In 2008, he was appointed deputy head of the National Security Bureau. From 2011, a Law and Justice deputy to the 7th Sejm. In parliament, he was deputy chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and a delegate to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Re-elected to the Sejm in the October general election, he received close to 33,000 votes, the best result in the Sieradz district.

Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier (Opening Remarks)

Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany since 17 December 2013.

He was born on 5 January 1956 in Detmold, in the Lippe District of Germany's North Rhine-Westphalia state. From 1976 to 1982, he read law and political science at the University of Giessen. There, after he had taken his second state law examination, Steinmeier continued his work in academia for several years.

In 1991, Steinmeier took a post in the State Chancellery of the Land Lower Saxony and subsequently, from 1993, headed the office of then Minister-President of Lower Saxony, Gerhard Schröder, before being appointed State Secretary and Head of Lower Saxony's State Chancellery. When Schröder became Federal Chancellor in 1998, he took Steinmeier to the Federal Chancellery in Berlin where Steinmeier took responsibility as Head of the Federal Chancellery.

Following the federal elections in 2005, Chancellor Angela Merkel appointed Steinmeier to head the Foreign Office. From November 2007 Steinmeier additionally served as Vice-Chancellor until his end of term in 2009.

From 2009-2013 he was the Chair of the Social Democrats of Germany (SPD) parliamentary group.

After the 2013 federal elections, Steinmeier was appointed Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs for a second time.

Ms. Christine Muttonen (Opening Remarks)

Christine Muttonen (Member of Parliament, Austria) was elected President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) in July 2016. Since 2014, she has been serving as the OSCE PA Vice-President and Special Representative for Central and Eastern Asia.

She is the Deputy Chairperson of the EU Affairs Committee in the Austrian Parliament and member of the National Security Council. She is equally the Spokesperson of the parliamentary group of the Austrian Social Democratic party for Foreign affairs. Between 2003 and 2009, she has equally chaired the parliamentary Committee for Cultural affairs.

An advocate for promoting the role and tools of the OSCE within its geographic area of focus and beyond, Ms Muttonen is active in advancing the engagement of OSCE parliamentarians on youth, gender and sinti issues, as well as using parliamentary tools to promote the visibility of the OSCE.

Amb. Paul Bekkers (Opening Remarks)

Since January 2016, Ambassador Paul Bekkers holds the position of Director of the Office of the Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

From 2013 to 2016, he was Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Republic of Poland, also accredited to Belarus. He served as Ambassador of the Netherlands to the Federation of Malaysia from 2009-2013. During Paul's tenure both Embassies received awards by the private sector as best performing Embassy.

Before his posting in Malaysia, Paul held the position of Director for Health, Gender and Civil Society as well as Special Ambassador for HIV/Aids. Previously, he worked in various roles for the Foreign Ministry in the areas of political affairs, development co-operation, environmental affairs, trade and culture. Besides Malaysia and Poland he served in Turkey, South Africa, Ghana and Zaire.

Paul Bekkers studied law, economics and history at the University of Leiden and Radboud University Nijmegen, where he obtained a Master's Degree in Law. He followed courses at the United Nations in Geneva and at Columbia University/Amsterdam Campus.

Paul Bekkers served as board member in a variety of non-profit organizations, including AFS intercultural programmes, Emio Greco Dance Company and the Warsaw Volunteer Mission.

Ambassador Bekkers is 55, married to Agneta Linssen and has 3 children.

Ms. Dunja Mijatović (Debate)

The Representative on Freedom of the Media is Dunja Mijatović of Bosnia and Herzegovina. She took over this post on 11 March 2010. Mijatović is one of the founders of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In 2007 she was elected Chair of the European Platform of Regulatory Agencies. Prior to this, she chaired the Council of Europe's Group of Specialists on freedom of expression and information in times of crisis.

Mijatović is an expert in human rights; communications and media strategy; and regulatory and policy media framework. She has extensive knowledge of institution-building in transition states and many years' experience of issues related to journalist's safety and new technologies, with the emphasis on digitalization, convergence and Internet technologies.

Mr. Ken Roth (Debate)

Kenneth Roth is the executive director of Human Rights Watch, one of the world's leading international human rights organizations, which operates in more than 90 countries. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch in 1987, Roth served as a federal prosecutor in New York and for the Iran-Contra investigation in Washington, DC. A graduate of Yale Law School and Brown University, Roth has conducted numerous human rights investigations and missions around the world. He has written extensively on a wide range of human rights abuses, devoting special attention to issues of international justice, counterterrorism, the foreign policies of the major powers, and the work of the United Nations.

Mr. Nils Muižnieks (Debate)

Nils Muižnieks was elected Commissioner for Human Rights on 24 January 2012 by the Parliamentary Assembly and took up his position on 1 April 2012. He is the third Commissioner, succeeding Thomas Hammarberg (2006-2012) and Alvaro Gil-Robles (1999-2006).

Born in 1964, Mr Muižnieks is a Latvian national educated in the United States of America, where he obtained a Ph.D. in political science at the University of California at Berkeley.

He has been working in the field of human rights for the past two decades and has acquired extensive knowledge in the field of international human rights monitoring, training and education.

Prior to his appointment as Commissioner for Human Rights, he held prominent posts such as Director of the Advanced Social and Political Research Institute at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Latvia in Riga (2005-2012); Chairman of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (2010-2012); Latvian minister responsible for social integration, anti-discrimination, minority rights, and civil society development (2002-2004); and Director of the Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies - now Latvian Human Rights Centre (1994-2002).

He has also published extensively on human rights issues, in particular on racism, discrimination and minority rights. Latvian and English are his mother tongues, and he is also fluent in French and Russian.

Ms. Annabelle Chapman (Moderator of Debate)

Annabelle Chapman is a Warsaw-based journalist writing for *The Economist* and other international publications. Previously based in Kiev, she has reported widely from central and eastern Europe. She is a winner of the Timothy Garton Ash prize for European writing. She holds a masters in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Oxford, where she was a Senior Scholar in Polish Studies at Hertford College.

WORKING SESSION 1

3–6 p.m.

Democratic Institutions, including address by the Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Mr. Michael Georg Link (Introducer)

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Born in Heilbronn in 1963, Link studied Russian, French, Political Science, Public Law and Eastern European History at the University of Augsburg, the University of Lausanne and Heidelberg University.

Amb. Maria Leissner (Introducer)

Ambassador Maria Leissner has served as secretary general of the Community of Democracies, a global intergovernmental coalition, since 2012. As secretary general, she leads the organization's permanent secretariat in Warsaw and serves as a vocal advocate for democracy, human rights and rule of law around the world.

Under her leadership, the Community has expanded its mandate to include a number of ambitious projects, such as the LEND network that mentors political figures in transitioning democracies, and developed a permanent secretariat to implement the priorities of the 28 countries that make up the Community of Democracies' Governing Council.

Ambassador Leissner brings a valuable perspective to the Community thanks to her unique combination of experience in politics, diplomacy and democracy-promotion.

She served as a member of the Swedish Parliament from 1985-1991. As a legislator, she sat on the Foreign Affairs Committee and was party spokesperson for refugee and immigration

issues. Ms. Leissner was elected leader of the Liberal Party (FP) in 1995, becoming the first woman to lead that party. Ambassador Leissner joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2000. She served as Sweden's envoy to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Belize and Costa Rica (2000-2004) and ambassador-at-large for democracy (2006---2012), during which time she also chaired a governmental Delegation for Roma Issues that investigated the situation of this minority group in her country.

She has participated in a number of international programs, including a large number of election-monitoring missions with SIDA, the Scandinavian Institute for African Studies and other organizations. Ambassador Leissner directed the National Democratic Institute's governance program in Iraq (2004-2005) and served as Senior Adviser for Human Rights at AMM (EU/ASEAN peace monitoring mission) in Aceh, Indonesia (2005-2006).

She chaired the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (1991---1994), Swedish women's organization "Kvinnor Kan" (1991---1994), board of the University of College of Borås (2007– 2010), the advisory board of the Institute for Contemporary History at the University of Södertörn (2011-2015) and was a member of the Swedish Commission Against Antiziganism (2014-2015).

Ms. Katarzyna Jarosiewicz-Wargan (Moderator)

Ms. Katarzyna Jarosiewicz-Wargan, the First Deputy Director of ODIHR is responsible managing the operations of the ODIHR, overseeing the preparation, co-ordination and implementation of the activities of the Election, Democratization, Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Programmes and of the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, as well as formulation of the ODIHR public message.

Ms. Jarosiewicz-Wargan is an expert in management, strategic planning and capacity building, with thematic expertise in human and children rights and social welfare, and more than 20 years of professional experience from Poland, the United States, Western Balkans, South Caucasus and Central Asia. Prior to her current appointment, she was the Head of ODIHR's Human Rights Department, and had earlier supported setting up ODIHR civil society program in Ukraine and developing and institutionalizing a system of project monitoring and evaluation in the Office.

Trained in conflict resolution and mediation, in 2003-2011, Ms. Jarosiewicz-Wargan served as the director of conflict resolution, human rights and child/social welfare reform programs in the South Caucasus, with advisory and capacity building roles in similar programs in Central Asia. In 2000 – 2002, she led programs focused on human rights, minorities and inter-ethnic dialogue in Western Balkans. Fluent in Polish, English and Russian, Ms. Jarosiewicz-Wargan holds a Master's Degree in social sciences.

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 2

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Specifically selected topic: International Covenants on human rights and their importance for the OSCE human dimension

Prof. Roman Wieruszewski (Introducer)

Professor of Legal Sciences. Employee of the Institute of Legal Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences since 1975. Current positions: director of the Poznan Human Rights Centre, vice-chairman of Scientific Council of the Institute of Legal Studies, member of Scientific Committee of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, professor of European School of Law and Administration, member of the Editorial Board of the “Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights”, Polish quarterly “Legal Studies” and “Państwo i Prawo”.

From 1992 to 1995 Head of the Former Yugoslavia unit in the UN Centre for Human Rights in Geneva, from 1996 to 1998 Chief of Mission of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Field Operation in the Former Yugoslavia in Sarajevo, from 1998 to 2000 and from 2003 to 2006 Member of the UN Human Rights Committee (Vice-chairman from 2002 to 2004). Member of the Polish Refugee Board from 1999 to 2014. Visiting professor and lecturer at Marbourg, Mainz and Bochum universities in Germany and numerous Polish universities (Warsaw, Krakow, Wrocław, Poznan, Torun).Field of research: international protection of human rights, constitutional law.

Mr. Omer Fisher (Moderator)

Omer Fisher joined OSCE/ODIHR in 2010 as Human Rights Advisor, working mainly on freedom of peaceful assembly. He is currently Acting Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Human Rights Department. Between 2003 and 2010 he worked at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London as Researcher on the Balkans and as Senior Research Policy Advisor. Omer Fisher holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK, and a degree in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

WORKING SESSION 3**3–6 p.m.****Specifically selected topic: International Covenants on human rights and their importance for the OSCE human dimension (continued)****Prof. Natan Elkin (Introducer)**

Dr. Natan Elkin is Visiting Professor for International Labour Law at Jaume I University in Castellón (Spain). Before joining Jaume I University, Dr. Elkin was chief of the unit at the International Labour Standards Department (Geneva), focusing on ILO instruments related to employment policies, tripartite consultation, and indigenous peoples. He also worked for the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Brussels and Geneva. Dr. Elkin graduated from the Faculty of Law at the National University of Buenos Aires. He also studied European Law at the Catholic University in Louvain-la-Neuve, where he obtained a PhD in Law. <https://natanelkin.wordpress.com/>

Ms. Christine Hirst (Moderator)

Christine Hirst (UK) joined ODIHR as Deputy Head of the Democratization Department in February 2016 following service in the OSCE Mission in Kosovo since August 2012. Before joining the OSCE, Ms. Hirst worked with a number of international agencies and international non-governmental organizations, including UNDP, CARE International, the Danish Refugee Council and the EastWest Institute. Prior to serving on field missions in the Western Balkans, Afghanistan and Georgia from 2002 onwards, Ms. Hirst worked for think tanks focusing on conflict and security in London, including Saferworld and the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response, and has published on aspects of peacebuilding and security.

Ms. Hirst is a member of the Conflict Research Society and is a Scottish Global Forum Fellow. Born in the UK in 1975, she studied Law and English Literature, International Relations, and Conflict and Reconciliation Studies at the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics and Coventry University.

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 4

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Specifically selected topic: Freedom of assembly and association

Mr. Maina Kiai (Introducer) (*Video statement*)

Mr. Maina Kiai is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. He took up his functions on 1 May 2011, for an initial period of three years. His mandate was renewed in 2014 for an additional three years.

A lawyer trained at Nairobi and Harvard Universities, Mr. Kiai has spent the last twenty years campaigning for human rights and constitutional reform in Kenya – notably as founder and Executive Director of the unofficial Kenya Human Rights Commission, and then as Chairman of Kenya’s National Human Rights Commission (2003-2008), where he won a national reputation for his courageous and effective advocacy against official corruption, in support of political reform, and against impunity following the violence that convulsed Kenya in 2008, causing thousands of deaths.

From July 2010 to April 2011, Mr. Kiai was the Executive Director of the International Council on Human Rights Policy, a Geneva-based think-tank which used to produce research reports and briefing papers with policy recommendations. Mr. Kiai was also the Director of Amnesty International’s Africa Programme (1999-2001), and the Africa Director of the International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights, 2001-2003). He held research fellowships at the Danish Institute for Human Rights (Copenhagen), the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Washington), and the TransAfrica Forum (Washington).

Mr. Kiai has regularly been an advocate informing and educating Kenyans through various media about their human rights.

Dr Yevgeny Zhovtis (Introducer)

Dr Yevgeniy Zhovtis is a co-chairperson of the Working Group of the Consultative Body “Dialogue on Human Dimension” under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Mr Zhovtis is also the director of the Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and the Rule of Law (which he co-founded in 1993), a member of the Steering Committee of the World Movement for Democracy, a member of the OSCE/ODIHR Panel of Experts on Freedom of Assembly and a member of Crude Accountability Board. Mr Zhovtis has been the recipient of numerous human rights awards, including the EU and US Democracy and Civil Society Award in 1999, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Human Rights Award in 2007, the Norwegian Helsinki Committee Andrey Sakharov Freedom Award and the Freedom Award for Kazakhstani Democratic Activists, both in 2010, the Moscow Helsinki Group Human Rights Award in 2011 among several

others. Mr Zhovtis has published extensively on the problems of democratization and economic transformation, human rights and the rule of law in Kazakhstan and the post-Soviet space.

Ms. Alice Thomas (Moderator)

Ms. Alice Thomas is an international human rights lawyer, with more than 15 years of work experience in this field. She has been working for the Legislative Support Unit of the OSCE/ODIHR since 2009 and became Chief of this Unit in 2013. Located within ODIHR's Democratization Department, the Legislative Support Unit produces legal opinions on the compliance of draft and existing legislation of individual participating States with OSCE commitments and international standards on the human dimension. The Unit also assesses legislative processes for their compliance with key OSCE commitments.

Prior to joining ODIHR, Ms. Thomas worked, among others, as an OSCE legal advisor to the Ombudsperson Institution in Kosovo, and as a lawyer with the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She completed her law studies and legal practice exam in Germany, with a special focus on International and European Law.

WORKING SESSION 5

3–6 p.m.

Specifically selected topic: Freedom of assembly and association (continued)

Ms. Anna Rurka (Introducer)

In January 2015, Ms. Anna Rurka was elected President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe. She combines her commitments at the Conference of INGOs with her academic work in France, Poland and other European countries which focuses on access to rights by vulnerable groups and systemic and institutional analysis of the power dynamics in public policies. Since 2008, she is also a Senior Lecturer in Education Science, in the family education and family social work research team at the University Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense. In 2003, she also joined EUROCEF (European Committee for Home-based Priority Action for the Child and the Family), an INGO set up in 1998 and granted participatory status with the Council of Europe in 2003.

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THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 6

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Fundamental freedoms I, including address by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Ms. Dunja Mijatović (Introducer)

The Representative on Freedom of the Media is Dunja Mijatović of Bosnia and Herzegovina. She took over this post on 11 March 2010.

Mijatović is one of the founders of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2007 she was elected Chair of the European Platform of Regulatory Agencies. Prior to this, she chaired the Council of Europe's Group of Specialists on freedom of expression and information in times of crisis.

Mijatović is an expert in human rights; communications and media strategy; and regulatory and policy media framework. She has extensive knowledge of institution-building in transition states and many years' experience of issues related to journalist's safety and new technologies, with the emphasis on digitalization, convergence and Internet technologies.

Mr. Frane Maroević (Moderator)

Director of the Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, Frane Maroevic began his career at the OSCE in 2010 as the Deputy Head of Press and Public Information. Before joining the OSCE he was the Director of Communications for the High Representative and EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the Spokesperson for the European Commission in Bosnia and Herzegovina and a journalist with the BBC World Service in London.

WORKING SESSION 7

3–6 p.m.

Humanitarian issues and other commitments I, including address by the OSCE Special Representative/Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova (Introducer)

Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova of Kazakhstan is the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, and represents the OSCE at the political level in anti-trafficking issues. She took office in September 2014.

From June 2012 to August 2014 she served as the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine. She was Ambassador-at-Large for Kazakhstan from 2009-2011, including during Kazakhstan's Chair-in Office in 2010. Previously, since 2008, she represented the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States at the SOS Kinderdorf International Senate in Vienna. She also previously was a member of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Advisory Board and a member of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

From 1999 to 2003, she was her country's Permanent Representative at the United Nations. Prior to this, from 1998 to 1999 she served as the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Ambassador Jarbussynova speaks English, Russian and Kazakh.

Ms. Lydia Gall (Introducer)

Lydia Gall is the Balkans and Eastern Europe researcher at Human Rights Watch. Gall is a human rights lawyer by training and has a background in Roma rights and the Middle East. Before joining Human Rights Watch, Gall documented human rights and humanitarian law abuses in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and worked as a staff attorney involved in strategic litigation on behalf of Romani victims of human rights abuses. As a freelance journalist, she wrote extensively on human rights abuses of Roma and on political developments with potential human rights implications in Central and Eastern Europe.

In her position at Human Rights Watch, she investigates and exposes serious human rights abuses in the Western Balkans and Eastern Europe and advocates for change. During her tenure, Gall has worked extensively on migration and asylum related issues at Human Rights Watch.

Mr. Marco Bonabello (Moderator)

Mr. Marco Bonabello assumed the position of the Senior Co-ordination Adviser in the Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (OSR CTHB) in February 2014. Since then, he actively worked to raise the profile and coherence of the OSCE anti-trafficking efforts, especially in crisis situations. Before joining the OSR/CTHB, Marco served two years as Policy and Planning Officer of the OSCE Secretary General and four years as Coordinator and Legal Adviser of the Rule of Law and Human Rights Department of the OSCE Mission to Serbia.

After studying law and specializing in diplomatic affairs, Mr. Bonabello gained relevant working experience in post-conflict environments where he built strong professional and social skills. In the last twelve years he has been working for international agencies in the justice, governance and security sectors, advising senior officials and developing projects in areas such as policy planning, judicial reform, crime prevention, and transnational security threats, including CTHB. He is a strong advocate of intergovernmental co-operation and has

consistently worked to promote the rule of law and democratic institutions as frameworks for consolidating security and boosting development.

FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 8

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Rule of law I

Ms. Michèle Rivet Ad.E. (Introducer)

Michèle Rivet has been serving as Vice President of the International Commission of Jurists since 2011 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2008.

Now Member of the Quebec Bar as a lawyer, Michèle Rivet was a Judge from 1981 to 2010. She served, from 1990 to 2010 as first President of the Quebec Human Rights Tribunal. She was a Member of the Quebec Judicial Council.

Michèle Rivet holds a Master's degree in Law from Paris. In 2005, she received an Honorary Doctorate from Ottawa University, for her contribution to the development of Human Rights. In 2015, the Quebec Bar gave her the title *Advocatus Emeritus*.

Michèle Rivet has written extensively on Human Rights, namely on Equality, and on the Independence of the Judiciary.

Mr. Iskander Alimbayev (Introducer)

Iskander Alimbayev is a lawyer and member of the Almaty City Bar in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He also serves as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Republican Bar Council and provides trainings for lawyers organized by the Almaty City Bar. Mr. Alimbayev has participated in advocacy and discussion surrounding passage of legislation in Kazakhstan and is one of the authors of the amendments to the criminal procedure code. He specializes in crimes against the person, property crimes, economic crime, and organized crime.

Before beginning his practice as a lawyer Mr. Alimbayev served as a tutor of criminal procedure and criminal investigation technique at Kazakh Humanitarian Law University in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Dr. Marcin Walecki (Moderator)

Dr. Walecki possesses over 20 years of democracy assistance and governance experience working in more than 40 countries around the world. He also presents regularly at international conferences, seminars, and has written for numerous publications on democratization, political corruption, political financing, elections, political parties, gender equality and good governance. A Polish citizen, Walecki holds a doctorate of philosophy in

politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and a master's in Law from the Department of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. He is a former Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy and a board member of the International Political Science Association Research Committee on Political Finance and Political Corruption. Head of Democratization Department, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

WORKING SESSION 9

3–6 p.m.

Rule of law II

Ms. Sandra Krähenmann (Introducer)

Sandra Krähenmann is a Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law. Jointly established by the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, the Geneva Academy focuses on branches of international law that relate to situations of armed conflict, protracted violence, and protection of human rights and provides post-graduate education and policy orientated research in these areas.

She conducts legal research on the impact of counter-terrorism on human rights law and international humanitarian law, during the last two years with a particular focus on measures to stem the so-called foreign fighter phenomenon. She has written a series of articles on these topics and is currently co-authoring a book on the protection of human rights in times of terror and conflicts. She is also the lead researcher for the rule of law in armed conflicts website that analyses whether or not situations of armed violence amount to an armed conflict under international humanitarian law.

Before joining the Geneva Academy, Sandra Krähenmann worked for the Swiss Ministry of Defense, as a consultant for various NGOs and as a teaching assistant at the University of Geneva. She holds a PhD in international Law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

Sir Malcolm Evans (Introducer)

Malcolm Evans is Professor of Public International Law at the University of Bristol. He is a member and Chair of the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (the SPT) and former Chair of the Meeting of Chairs of UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies. He is also a member of the Foreign Secretary's Human Rights Advisory Group. From 2002 – 2013 he was a member of the OSCE ODIHR Advisory Council on the Freedom of Religion or Belief. He is currently General Editor of the International and Comparative Law Quarterly and Co-Editor in Chief of the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion. He was appointed Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) in the 2016 New Year Honours for services to torture prevention and religious freedom.

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MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 10

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Mr. Henrik Villadsen (Introducer)

Mr. Henrik Villadsen has been director of the office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities since December 2014. He holds a master's degree in law with specialization in human rights under armed conflicts and is a qualified barrister with the Danish Ministry of Justice since 1997. As a commissioned officer in the Danish Armed Forces, Mr. Villadsen served with the European Union Monitoring Mission to the Former Yugoslavia in 1993–1994 and has, since 1997, served with various intergovernmental organizations, such as the OSCE, the United Nations and the European Union in Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, mostly working on issues related to the countries' minorities and the rule of law. He also served as Head of Mission of the Danish Refugee Council in the Russian Federation.

Inter alia, Mr. Villadsen was chief of staff of the OSCE Co-ordination Centre in Vukovar, Croatia, when the OSCE took over police monitoring responsibilities from the United Nations in 1998. In Kosovo, he held management positions in the Kosovo Trust Agency and also served as Special Assistant to the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Kosovo and subsequently as chief of staff of the European Union's rule of law mission in the region. Prior to re-joining the OSCE, he served as the European Union's General Legal Counsel and Head of Legal Affairs in Bosnia and Herzegovina, working with the European Union integration process and the restructuring of Bosnia and Herzegovina's legal system.

Prof. Tom Moring (Introducer)

Tom Moring (Dr. Pol. Sc., University of Helsinki) is Professor of Communication and Journalism at the Swedish School of Social Science, University of Helsinki, Finland. His research and publications focus on minorities and the media, broadcasting and political

communication. He has a background in Finnish public service broadcasting as journalist, director of the Swedish radio programmes, and Chair of Board in a newspaper company. He was Secretary General of the European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages (1999-2001) and has served as a member of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages. He was one of the experts consulted in the preparation of the OSCE Guidelines on the Use of Minority Languages in the Broadcast Media. He also holds a part time position as Professor II in Journalism at the Sami University College in Kautokeino, Norway.

Mr. Laurentiu Hadirca (Moderator)

Laurentiu Hadirca, Senior Legal Adviser, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities Laurentiu Hadirca (M.Litt., LL.M., LL.B.) holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Law (Comparative Constitutional Law) and Politics (International Relations) from universities in Moldova, Hungary and Australia, as well as advanced post-graduate certificates in international criminal law from universities in Austria and Italy. Since March 2014, he has been working as Senior Legal Adviser to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. In 2010–2014, he served as Legislative Support Officer for the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, reviewing and commenting on the draft legislation of various OSCE participating States, often jointly with other international bodies, such as the Council of Europe's Venice Commission. Prior to that, in 2007–2010, he worked as Legal Analyst for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, working on war crimes and other serious criminal cases, and in 2005–2007, he worked as National Co-ordinator for the OSCE Trial Monitoring Programme in Moldova. From 2004 to 2007, he lectured on law courses in Moldova, serving as a “returning scholar” in this academic capacity.

WORKING SESSION 11

3–6 p.m.

Tolerance and non-discrimination I (continued), including prevention and responses to hate crimes in the OSCE area and combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance on religious grounds

Rabbi Andrew Baker (Introducer)

Rabbi Andrew Baker is director of International Jewish Affairs at the American Jewish Committee (AJC), which he joined in 1979. A leading expert on anti-Semitism in Europe, he travels extensively to strengthen relations between the AJC and Jewish communities worldwide. Throughout most of the 1990s, as director of European Affairs, Rabbi Baker promoted tolerance in the emerging democracies of Central and Eastern Europe. He is active in Holocaust restitution issues and in 2003 was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit by Germany for his work in German-Jewish relations. Rabbi Andrew Baker has served as Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism since 2009.

Mr. Bülent Şenay (Introducer)

Bülent Şenay is associate Professor of History of Religion and Culture at the Uludag University, Bursa, Turkey. Following his PhD in religious studies and philosophy from Lancaster University, UK, Şenay started as a lecturer on Philosophy of Islam and Ethics at the University College of St. Martin's (1996-1999) in Lancaster, UK. His research interest is focused on culture, religion and identity in multicultural societies, Christian-Jewish-Muslim relations, religion and politics in Europe. Prof. Dr. Şenay has been a participant at both academic and diplomatic level in the Intercultural Exchange Project of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. He also took part as guest speaker in OSCE Review Conferences on Human rights, Islamophobia and Freedom of Religion in Vienna, Warsaw, and Astana. He has been a member of OSCE Advisory Council for Freedom of Religion. A former diplomatic counsellor for religious and cultural affairs at the Turkish Embassy in The Hague/Netherlands, Şenay was appointed as personal representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims.

Mr. Matthew Collins (Introducer)

Matthew Collins is the author of *Hate: My Life in the British Far Right* (2011) and an activist for NGO HOPE not hate. Matthew is a former National Front and British National Party Member, who first joined the right wing movement at the age of 14, and grew through its ranks, including participation in racist violence and political activities. Having parted with right wing ideology, he is now a member of the investigative team for an NGO that campaigns to counter racism and fascism, and to combine research into right-wing in the UK with community organising and grassroots actions to defeat hate groups at elections and to build community resilience against extremism.

Amb. Antje Leendertse (Introducer)

Ambassador Antje Leendertse entered the German Foreign Service in 1990. She held posts in Moscow, London and Helsinki and worked as Deputy Spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry, Head of Division for the Western Balkans, Special Envoy for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control. In February 2015, she was nominated Head of the Task Force for the 2016 OSCE Chairmanship.

Ms. Cristina M. Finch (Moderator)

Cristina M. Finch is the former managing director for the Identity and Discrimination Unit at Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) and adjunct law professor at George Mason University School of Law. At AIUSA, Ms. Finch focused on women's and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) human rights; economic, social and cultural rights; and multilateral issues. Prior to joining AIUSA in October 2009, she served as senior counsel to the Human Rights Campaign where she focused on the issue of hate violence. Before HRC,

she served as legislative counsel to U.S. Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL); as house legal counsel to the National Congress of the Republic of Palau; and as a litigation associate practicing contract and tort law at a law firm focusing on civil claims. She has testified on 21 legal and policy issues before the UN Human Rights Council, World Bank and the U.S. Congress and is a featured expert on the Women's Media Center's SheSource. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Finch worked for U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia (D-MI). She holds a JD from George Mason University, and a BA from the University of Michigan

TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 12

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Fundamental freedoms I (continued), including freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief

Mr. Heiner Bielefeldt (Introducer)

Heiner Bielefeldt is a German philosopher, historian, Catholic theologian, and the United Nations special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief. He is also a professor of human rights and human rights policy at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg. Bielefeldt's research interests include various interdisciplinary facets of human rights theory and practice, with a focus on freedom of religion or belief. After holding various positions at different universities, from 2003 to 2009 he served as the director of the German Institute for Human Rights, which monitors the human rights situation within Germany on behalf of the German government. He is the author of numerous books on questions of political ethics, legal philosophy, and philosophy of religion. Bielefeldt has served as special rapporteur since 2010, having been reappointed in 2013.

Ms. Joelle Fiss (Introducer)

Joelle Fiss is a senior researcher and independent consultant based in Geneva, Switzerland. Fiss is recently researching on examining the relationship between security and religious freedom in the era of counter-terrorism, measuring the risk of abuse for over 70 blasphemy laws around the world, analysing the impact of the Paris attacks in 2015 and the international controversies around the Charlie Hebdo paper.

Prior to her research work, Joelle worked at Human Rights First (its mission being to shape the United States' government positions on human rights) and in the European Parliament (where she worked as a policy advisor for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home affairs and Women's rights and Gender equality). Joelle regularly publishes op-eds, has guest lectured and has participated in many debates on questions linked to human rights, in particular freedom of expression worldwide and violence committed in the name of religion.

She is currently a member of the OSCE/ODIHR Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

Dr Kishan Manocha (Moderator)

Dr Kishan Manocha has extensive experience in religious freedom and minority rights issues in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia as an advocate, researcher, trainer and consultant to a number of international and non-governmental organisations. He is currently Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion or Belief at the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in Warsaw. Immediately before that, he served as Director of the Office of Public Affairs of the Baha'i community of the United Kingdom.

Kishan holds degrees in medicine and law from the Universities of London and Cambridge respectively. He first trained in psychiatry, completing a Research Fellowship in Forensic Psychiatry at the University of Oxford, before studying law. He specialised in international criminal and international human rights law for his LLM and practised as a barrister where he was involved in a number of international criminal law cases before the English courts. He has also worked as a human rights adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London and at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and has been a Visiting Research Fellow at the Carr Centre for Human Rights at Harvard as well as a Fellow of the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University in Montreal. He has lectured in constitutional law, international human rights law, and public international law at universities in the United Kingdom and Pakistan, and is a Research Fellow at the Religious Freedom and Business Foundation and a Professional Associate at the Centre for Law and Religion at Cardiff University.

WORKING SESSION 13

3 p.m.–6 p.m.

Fundamental freedoms II, including freedom of movement

Mr. Gerald Knaus (Video statement)

Gerald Knaus (Austria) is the European Stability Initiative's (ESI) founding chairman. After having studied in Oxford, Brussels and Bologna, he taught economics at university in Ukraine in 1993/94 and spent five years working for NGOs and international organisations in Bulgaria and Bosnia and Herzegovina. From 2001 to 2004, he was the director of the Lessons Learned Unit of the EU Pillar of the UN Mission in Kosovo. In 2011, he co-authored, alongside Rory Stewart, the book "Can Intervention Work?" He has also co-authored more than 80 ESI reports as well as scripts for 12 TV documentaries on South East Europe. He is a founding member of the European Council on Foreign Relations and was for five years an Associate Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School, where he was a Visiting Fellow in 2010/2011 lecturing on

state building and intervention. Since August 2016 he is a Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow in Istanbul.

Ms. Iryna Sushko (Introducer)

Ms. Sushko has been the Head of the NGO Europe Without Barriers (EWB) since its establishment in 2009. The EWB currently coordinates The Visa-free Europe Coalition was launched at meeting in Warsaw on November 26, 2010 on the initiative of the Stefan Batory Foundation. Today more than 45 non-governmental organizations from different parts of Europe are its members. Iryna was the leader of numerous international and all-Ukrainian research and advocacy projects aimed at supporting the European integration of Ukraine. She managed all EWB monitoring projects. Iryna is the author and co-author of policy papers on freedom of movement and human contacts, as well as monitoring assessments of visa policies and practices. Her interests and activities mainly focus on issues such as the removal of administrative barriers to freedom of movement.

Dr. Marcin Walecki (Moderator)

Dr. Walecki possesses over 20 years of democracy assistance and governance experience working in more than 40 countries around the world. He also presents regularly at international conferences, seminars, and has written for numerous publications on democratization, political corruption, political financing, elections, political parties, gender equality and good governance. A Polish citizen, Walecki holds a doctorate of philosophy in politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and a master's in Law from the Department of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. He is a former Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy and a board member of the International Political Science Association Research Committee on Political Finance and Political Corruption. Head of Democratization Department, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 14

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including ensuring equal opportunity for women and men in all spheres in life, including through implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality.

Amb. Melanne Vermeer (Video Statement)

On 9 April 2015, the Serbian Chairmanship appointed Ambassador Melanne Vermeer as Special Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office on Gender Issues. Ambassador Vermeer was appointed to be the first ever US Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues at the Department of State in 2009 by President Obama. Ambassador Vermeer spent

the past four years working with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to co- ordinate foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic and social advancement of women. She is the also the Director of Georgetown University’s Institute for Women, Peace and Security. Ambassador Verveer co-authored “Fast Forward: How Women Can Achieve Power and Purpose”.

Anna Lindqvist (Introducer)

Anna Lindqvist is a Director of Men for Gender Equality Sweden (since 2012). Anna has a master degree in International relations from the Stockholm University. In the period 2000 - 2012 she worked within the development field; as coordinator for the development organization CIVIS in Colombia (focus on with youth, conflict resolution and peace culture) (2002-2004); as program officer at Kvinna till Kvinna (with a focus on women, peace, security in the Balkans) and as gender advisor in the Swedish dev org Forum Syd (2007-2012).

Amb. Miroslava Beham (Moderator)

Ambassador Miroslava Beham took up her present function as the OSCE’s Senior Adviser on Gender Issues on 15 December 2011. Ms. Beham began her diplomatic career when she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Montenegro in March 2005. She was appointed Deputy Head of the Serbia and Montenegro Mission to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna in July 2005, and was Chargé d’Affaires of the Mission after Montenegro left the State Union with Serbia in May 2006. Subsequently Ms. Beham was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna and stayed in the post until December 2011.

WORKING SESSION 15

3–6 p.m.

Tolerance and non-discrimination II (continued), including Roma and Sinti issues, including implementation of the OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti

Mr. Valeriu Nicolae (Introducer)

Valeriu Nicolae (Romania) has taken up the post of Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Roma Issues. Having worked both in government and civil society positions, he holds a very rich and diverse experience. Immediately prior to taking office as Special Representative, he worked as State Secretary at the Romanian Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and the Elderly. Previous work experience includes high-level positions such as regional advocacy director for World Vision for Eastern Europe, Middle East and South Caucasus region; Trustee to the UN OHCHR Board representing Europe; consultant for the Open Society Institute (OSI) and European

Institutions; director and advocacy director for the network of European Roma NGOs (ERGO); and invited lecturer for Amnesty International.

His longstanding experience as a human rights activist, and in particular his work with schoolchildren in one of Bucharest's ghettos, have provided him with an in-depth knowledge of the problems faced by Roma communities across Europe. He has founded the Policy Centre for Roma and Minorities, a Bucharest-based think tank, and co-founded the European Roma Policy Coalition. His portfolio includes a number of publications on Roma issues and human rights, also showcasing his work as film producer and writer. Valeriu Nicolae was awarded the European Parliament's European Citizenship Award in 2013.

Ms. Lucie Fuková (Introducer)

Lucie Fuková (Czech Republic) studied social anthropology at the University of Pardubice. For a long time she has been devoted to Roma integration, also acting as a promoter of social inclusion among different groups. She worked as an expert for the Czech Government, as well as the local government, dealing with Roma affairs and equality for all.

Her focus is on the participation of Roma in public administration and politics. She ran for election as leader of the Green Party in parliamentary elections. She is involved in an advisory body to the Government Council for the Roma minority and in the evaluation commissions of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture in the Czech Republic. Currently she is working externally for the Roma NGO *Slovo 21* (as coordinator of the project "Roma included"), for the Municipality of Pardubice (Expert for social inclusion in the implementation of the Local Action Plan for Inclusive Education), as well as the Council of Europe (National focal point for ROMACT).

Ms. Mirjam-Angela Karoly (Moderator)

Ms. Mirjam-Angela Karoly is Chief of the ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues (CPRSI) and Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues since 5 December 2013. Ms. Karoly, political scientist by education, joined ODIHR in November 2009. In her professional career Ms. Karoly focused in particular on human and minority rights. From 2007-2009 she served as Senior Communities Adviser at the OSCE Field Mission in Kosovo with a focus on communities and particularly the situation of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians and on return and reintegration of refugees and displaced persons. Prior to this she was active member of Austrian Roma civil society with work experience in the civil society sector and the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Karoly is member of the Austrian Ethnic Council for Roma and Sinti at the Federal Chancellery of Austria and board member of the non-governmental organization Romano Centro, Vienna.

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 16
(specifically selected topic): Rights of the Child

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Ms. Beata Bislim Olahova (Introducer)

Beata Bislim Olahova is a Project Programme Manager at the Roma Education Fund (REF), Budapest. Beata is a Roma from Slovakia. She holds a degree in Business Management, and is a graduate student of professional MBA at the Business School of the Central European University. Beata was also a member of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and is an Alumni of the Harvard Kennedy School's Executive Education program. Before joining REF in 2007, Beata was involved in many human rights actions; among others, she worked with the European Roma Rights Center as a legal monitor for Slovakia where she was involved in human rights monitoring and worked to investigate potential cases of discrimination and human rights abuse. She has rich experiences in international development work, project writing, evaluation, as well as providing policy advice to governmental institutions in number of European countries on Pro-Roma policies in the field of equity in education and social inclusion of Roma into mainstream education systems.

Mr. Andrej Vukčević (Introducer)

„I live in Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro. I am 17 years old, I go to 3rd grade of “Slobodan Škerović“ gymnasium and I am an excellent student.

The real reason I am selected to go to Warsaw is the fact that I was into rights of the child since the middle of my primary school. There I was part of the students' parliament through which I met wonderful people from “Center for children's rights of Montenegro“. Thanks to them, I was part of some beautiful actions, campaigns and projects. Here are some of them:

- “Govorimo o mogućnostima (It's about abilities)“ dedicated to social and educational inclusion of children with disabilities
- Summer camp on Ivanova Korita dedicated to educating children and youth on the topic of combating violence against children and among children
- Seminar that was held in Budva on the topic of peer education and promotion of Confidential phones in primary and secondary schools
- Quality education campaign

I also was part of childrens' parliament sitting in Parliament of Montenegro twice. And last but not least I am representing all children of Montenegro in Council for the rights of the child of Montenegro.“

Mr. Omer Fisher (Moderator)

Omer Fisher joined OSCE/ODIHR in 2010 as Human Rights Advisor, working mainly on freedom of peaceful assembly. He is currently Acting Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Human Rights Department. Between 2003 and 2010 he worked at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London as Researcher on the Balkans and as Senior Research Policy Advisor. Omer Fisher holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK, and a degree in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

Mr. Saša Stefanović (Introducer)

Saša Stefanović was born in March 1975 in Nis, Serbia. From 1999 to 2007 he was employed at the Italian Consortium of Solidarity on support programs for refugee children in collective centers in Serbia. He went on to work at the Association for Development of Children and Youth in the field of child rights, especially on the issues of social inclusion and education. In 2011 he was elected President of the Coordination Committee of the Network of Organizations for Children in Serbia – MODS. The following year he became the first president of the regional coalition ChildPact. In November 2014 he was elected director of the Network of Organizations for Children in Serbia – MODS. He is the father of a ten year old boy Nikola.

Ms. Pauline Dörrich (Introducer)

“Hi, my name is Pauline Dörrich. I am a 9th grade student at the Freie Waldorfschule Uhlandshöhe in Stuttgart, Germany. While still at school and struggling with everyday challenges just as any other teenager, I was very much moved by the pictures of the refugee kids who came to Europe with their parents in September 2015. That was the time when we were tasked with our 8th grade annual project in school.

I knew that I wanted to use my skills in photography and writing to do something that would be helpful and leave an impact to the destiny of those children. So I decided to set up the blog <http://refugeekidsofstuttgart.org/> so that as many people as possible can learn more about these children, give them a face and a voice and hope that the people in charge do everything they can to put an end to this!”

Ms. Katarzyna Jarosiewicz-Wargan (Moderator)

Ms. Katarzyna Jarosiewicz-Wargan, the First Deputy Director of ODIHR is responsible managing the operations of the ODIHR, overseeing the preparation, co-ordination and implementation of the activities of the Election, Democratization, Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Programmes and of the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, as well as formulation of the ODIHR public message.

Ms. Jarosiewicz-Wargan is an expert in management, strategic planning and capacity building, with thematic expertise in human and children rights and social welfare, and more than 20 years of professional experience from Poland, the United States, Western Balkans,

South Caucasus and Central Asia. Prior to her current appointment, she was the Head of ODIHR's Human Rights Department, and had earlier supported setting up ODIHR civil society program in Ukraine and developing and institutionalizing a system of project monitoring and evaluation in the Office.

Trained in conflict resolution and mediation, in 2003-2011, Ms. Jarosiewicz-Wargan served as the director of conflict resolution, human rights and child/social welfare reform programs in the South Caucasus, with advisory and capacity building roles in similar programs in Central Asia. In 2000 – 2002, she led programs focused on human rights, minorities and inter-ethnic dialogue in Western Balkans. Fluent in Polish, English and Russian, Ms. Jarosiewicz-Wargan holds a Master's Degree in social sciences.

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

WORKING SESSION 18

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Discussion of human dimension activities (with special emphasis on project work)

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Ambassador Vaidotas Verba (Introducer)

Ambassador Vaidotas Verba of Lithuania assumed the responsibilities of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine on 1 September 2014. He was team leader of the Odessa group of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in 2014. From 2012 he was Special Envoy for the EU's Eastern Partnership at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, and also Chief Co-ordinator for the preparation of the third Eastern Partnership summit in Vilnius in autumn 2013. Since 2007 he was Ambassador of Lithuania to the Netherlands, and Permanent Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Ambassador Verba holds a Master's Degree in Law from Vilnius University. He speaks Lithuanian, English, German, Russian and French.

Mr. Luc Lietaer (Moderator)

Luc Lietaer joined OSCE/ODIHR as Project Coordinator in the summer of 2013. He held several positions in the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina between 2006 and June 2013, the last one as Deputy Director for Operations in the Human Dimension Department. He worked extensively on strategic planning and was strongly involved in the Mission's transition to a more project management-based approach. Before joining the OSCE, Luc Lietaer worked for the Belgian NGO Balkanactie in Bosnia and Herzegovina focusing on capacity building of civil society and local government. He had an earlier career as a journalist in Belgium.

Lietaer, born in 1969 in Bruges, holds a degree in Communication Sciences from the University of Leuven.

Closing plenary session reinforced by the participation of human rights directors, OSCE ambassadors and heads of OSCE institutions**Amb. Lamberto Zannier (Closing remarks)**

Ambassador Lamberto Zannier of Italy took up the post of OSCE Secretary General on 1 July 2011. Zannier is an Italian career diplomat. From June 2008 to June 2011 he was UN Special Representative for Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). From 2002 to 2006, he was the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE. Previous senior positions include Permanent Representative of Italy to the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague (2000-2002), chairperson of the negotiations on the adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (1997-2000) and Head of Disarmament, Arms Control and Cooperative Security at NATO (1991-1997).

Mr. Gernot Erler (Closing Remarks)

Gernot Erler was appointed Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 as of 1 January 2015. He has been a Member of the German Bundestag since 1987. From 2005-2009 he was Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office. From October 2009 to December 2013 he was Deputy Chairman of the SPD Parliamentary Group working on foreign, defence and development policy, and human rights. Since 2014 he is also Coordinator for Intersocietal Cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership Countries.

Mr. Michael Georg Link (Closing Remarks)

Michael Georg Link (Germany) began his tenure as ODIHR director on 1 July 2014. Before joining the Office, he served from January 2012 to December 2014 as the Minister of State for Europe in the German government, responsible for OSCE, EU, Council of Europe and NATO affairs. He was elected to the German parliament in 2005, representing Heilbronn/Baden-Württemberg, and served through 2013. During that term, from 2006 to 2013, Link established a strong OSCE connection as a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

The ODIHR director is a past member of the boards of the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), the German Foundation for Peace Research and the Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation, and remains active in international NGOs, including the German Council on Foreign Relations, the German Association for Eastern European Studies, the Southeast Europe Association, and the German Atlantic Association.

Born in Heilbronn in 1963, Link studied Russian, French, Political Science, Public Law and Eastern European History at the University of Augsburg, the University of Lausanne and Heidelberg University.