



OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2008

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EU Recommendations

The EU recommends to OSCE PS:

- To ensure the safety and protection of the rights of human rights defenders and pay particular attention to the role and situation of journalists and female human rights defenders - .,
- To ensure that human rights defenders can carry out their peaceful activities in an environment free of the fear of harassment, reprisal, intimidation and discrimination.,
- To ensure that human rights defenders are free to seek, receive, manage and administer for their peaceful human rights activities financial support from domestic, foreign and international entities.

The EU recognises the important work of the OSCE field presences in strengthening civil society and recommends to ODIHR and field missions:

- To assist the PS in enhancing the protection of human rights defenders, encouraging them to implement the UN declaration on the rights and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognised human rights and fundamental freedoms.,
- To continue to engage with human rights defenders across the OSCE area, to strengthen their capacity to promote and defend respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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