

Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan at the
OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting
(Warsaw, 23 September 2016)

Mr. Chairman,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan as the OSCE participating state expresses its serious concern with regard to participation at the OSCE HDIM of persons perpetrated crimes and who are in the international wanted list.

With respect to the OSCE ODIHR, official representatives of other participating states as well as confirming adherence to international obligations in the field of human rights, Delegation of Tajikistan took in stride the fact of presence at the this meeting of persons who are committed dangerous and specially dangerous crimes, terroristic acts and they are appearance in the wanted list. Our Delegation took all accusations and intimidations during the meeting as well as outside with tolerance. But yesterday they went red line and we had to react to what happened. In this regard the following has to be noted:

1. Statements of those persons with regard to their persecution for political reasons are ungrounded. We have already made statements on crimes committed by those persons and are not going to repeat facts. However abuse of this situation and of this event is obvious.

On 21 September 2016 at the side event we have read out list of persons who are on wanted list. It is clear that their aim is to discredit power, announce themselves victims of the human right violence and by receiving political support to obtain permanent residency in Europe. If for criminals it is a way to avoid prosecution, for other representatives it is an easy way to move to Europe.

In connection to arrests of lawyers we inform that 13 members of banned IRPT, who were called to account, during investigation and judicial proceedings had 16 lawyers. Only two lawyers were called to

account for crimes not connected to their participation in defending IRPT members.

2. Representatives of banned organizations in Tajikistan since the first days blackmailed and pressing our delegation. Due to this pursuit three journalists had left the event and representatives of civil society avoid contacts with them at all and even do not participate at the side events.

3. Permit to criminal elements to the OSCE ODIHR annual events undermine image of the Organization and do not contribute to the constructive dialog at the meetings.

4. We consider unconstructive activity of those international human rights organizations which directly and indirectly support and promote such forms of improper and inadequate behavior towards delegations.

In this connection our delegation calls upon OSCE ODIHR:

- reconsider its approach towards participants of annual human dimension meetings. We as well as representatives of other states, who also spoke on this matter, do not agree that terrorists have rights to take part at OSCE events. Terrorist is a terrorist, they do not fall into good or bad, their own or others. At the same time reference should not be made that restriction for criminal elements to participate at this meeting means limitation of right of expression of opinion or impugn the OSCE ODIHR impartiality;

- implement certain rules on speeches. Repeated speeches on the same topic and of the same content, speeches out of topic, expression of personal animosity and insulting of participants should not be allowed.

- we call upon representatives of participating states to align to this proposal and to include it to the final recommendations of this meeting;

- we call upon civil society representatives and international human rights organizations to take measures not to transform annual meeting's platform to "complaints office". Such narrow approach will harm promotion and encouragement of human rights.

Our arguments should not be considered as an excuse. We are ready for dialog on the bases of common rules and in the spirit of co-operation between OSCE participating states and representatives of civil society as well as expert community.

In connection with the above mentioned, our Delegation consider its further participation at this OSCE HDIM impossible.

Thank you for your attention.