

SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING

**FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY, ASSOCIATION AND EXPRESSION:
FOSTERING FULL AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN PLURALIST
SOCIETIES**

**29- 30 March 2007
HOFBURG, VIENNA**

AGENDA

Day 1 **29 March 2007**

15.00 - 16.00 **OPENING SESSION:**

Opening remarks:

Ambassador Carlos Sanchez de Boado, Chairman of the Permanent Council, Head of the Permanent Mission of Spain to the OSCE

Ambassador Christian Strohal, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

Keynote speech:

Ambassador Jiří Gruša, President of International PEN, London; Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

Technical information by the OSCE/ODIHR

16.00 - 18.00 **SESSION I: Freedom of association in the OSCE region:
challenges and opportunities**

Introductory speech:

Mr. Edwin Rekosh, Executive Director of the Public Interest Law Institute (PILI), Budapest

Moderator:

Professor David Goldberger, Isadore and Ida Topper Professor of Law, the Ohio State University; Member of the OSCE/ODIHR Expert Panel on the Freedom of Assembly

Discussion

18:00 **Reception offered by the OSCE Chairmanship**

Day 2 **30 March 2007**

09.00 - 12.00 **SESSION II: Freedom of peaceful assembly in the OSCE region: challenges and opportunities**

Introductory speech:

Mr. Vardan Poghosyan, founder of the Armenian NGO 'Democracy'; Member of the OSCE/ODIHR Expert Panel on the Freedom of Assembly

Moderator:

Professor David Goldberger, Isadore and Ida Topper Professor of Law, the Ohio State University; Member of the OSCE/ODIHR Expert Panel on the Freedom of Assembly

Discussion

12.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 16.00 **SESSION III: Freedom of expression and the role of the media in a pluralist society**

Introductory speech:

Mr. Aidan White, General Secretary of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Brussels

Moderator:

Mr. Miklos Haraszti, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Discussion

16.00 - 16.30 Break

16.30 - 17.30 **CLOSING PLENARY:**
Report by the Working Sessions Moderator
Comments from the floor

Closing remarks:

Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office

Ambassador Christian Strohal, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

17:30 Close of Day 2