

**214th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 288****AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES  
OF THE 1999 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR****“HUMAN RIGHTS: THE ROLE OF FIELD MISSIONS”**

(Warsaw, 27-30 April 1999)

**I. AGENDA**

1. Opening of the Seminar
2. Plenary: Keynote speech
3. Discussion in two Working Groups
4. Summing up and closure of the Seminar

**II. TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES**

1. The Seminar will open in Warsaw on Tuesday, 27 April 1999 at 3 p.m. It will close on Friday, 30 April 1999 at noon.
2. All Plenaries and the Discussion Groups will be open.
3. The closing Plenary, scheduled for Friday morning, will focus on practical suggestions for dealing with the issues and problems raised during the Working Groups.

**Working Group 1: The Role of Human Rights and Field Missions in Conflict and Crisis Situations**

Topics may include:

- Creating confidence and easing tensions;
- Protecting civilians;
- Interaction between field missions and the parties to a conflict;

- Human rights in the context of “frozen conflicts”;
- Human rights as an integral part of political settlements of conflicts;
- Monitoring and reporting procedures;
- Recruitment procedures and training;
- Regional co-operation between field missions responding to similar conflicts;
- Co-ordination with other international activities.

Working Group 2: The role of Field Missions in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights

Topics may include:

- Interaction between OSCE Missions and other OSCE institutions to introduce and promote sustainable human rights to local actors (State officials, NGOs, media, etc.);
- Setting priorities and raising funds;
- Political responses to reinforce human rights mandates of field missions;
- Appropriate field missions responses to human rights violations;
- Monitoring compliance with human dimension commitments undertaken by host country;
- Protecting local human rights defenders and building local capacities;
- Co-operation with international organizations, institutions and NGOs active in the field of human rights.

4. The Plenary and Working Group meetings will take place according to the Work Programme below.

5. An ODIHR representative will chair the Plenary meetings.

6. Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be applied at the Seminar.

7. Discussions will be interpreted into all six working languages of the OSCE.

WORK PROGRAMME

Working hours: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

	Tuesday 27 April 1999	Wednesday 28 April 1999	Thursday 29 April 1999	Friday 30 April 1999
Morning		WG 1 WG 2	WG 1 WG 2	PL (10 a.m. - 12 noon)
Afternoon	PL	WG 2 WG 3	WG 1 WG 2	

PL = Plenary Meeting  
WG = Working Group