

Bulgarian Chairmanship

**1st DAY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION MEETING ON
HUMAN DIMENSION ISSUES**

FIRST PLENARY MEETING (open)

1. Date: Monday, 4 October 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. Ch. Strohal, Director of the ODIHR

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

The Chairperson formally opened the Implementation Meeting on Human Dimension Issues.

Mr. Solomon Passy, Chairman-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, addressed the meeting.

Mr. Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland, addressed the meeting.

STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OSCE INSTITUTIONS

Mr. Gert Weisskirchen, Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Key-note address: Mr. Vladimir Lukin, Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation

OPENING STATEMENTS

Kyrgyzstan, United States of America, Council of Europe, Worldrights, Switzerland, Norway, Slovenia, Netherlands-European Union, Turkey, ODIHR

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 4 October 2004, at 3 p.m., in the Plenary Hall
Chair: ODIHR

SESSION 1 (open)

1. Date: Monday, 4 October 2004

Opened: 3.10 p.m.

Closed: 6.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. Gerald Mitchell (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Democratic institutions, including:

— *Democratic elections;*

— *Follow-up to the Supplementary Meeting on Human Dimension Issues, held on 15 and 16 July 2004, on Electoral Standards and Commitments;*

— *Democracy at national, regional and local levels;*

— *Follow-up to the Supplementary Meeting on Human Dimension Issues, held on 12 to 14 May 2004, on Democratic Institutions and Democratic Governance;*

— *Citizenship and political rights.*

ODIHR, Kyrgyzstan, Republic Party of Turkmenistan in Exile, Norwegian Helsinki Committee/International Helsinki Foundation, Worldrights, International League for Human Rights, Council of Europe, United States of America, Norway, Ukraine, United Kingdom (also on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Belarus, Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society, Russian Federation, Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Norwegian Peoples AID, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belarusian Helsinki Committee, Public Foundation “Rendering Assistance to Development of Democracy and Support of Mass Media”, World Blind Union, Helsinki Committee of Macedonia, ZaMirNet, Germany, Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe, Serbia and Montenegro

Right of reply: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Greece

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 5 October 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Conference Hall