

658th Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA, DATES, PLACE, TIMETABLE AND OTHER
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON
COMBATING DISCRIMINATION AND PROMOTING MUTUAL
RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING

Follow-up to the Cordoba Conference on Anti-Semitism and
Other Forms of Intolerance

Bucharest, 7 and 8 June 2007

I. Agenda

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Opening plenary session
3. Discussions in plenary sessions
4. Closing plenary session: Summing up and closing of the Conference

II. Dates, place, timetable and other organizational modalities

1. The Conference will take place in Bucharest, on 7 and 8 June 2007. The Government of Romania will host the Conference at the Palace of the Parliament.
2. All plenary sessions will be open.
3. The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be applied at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into consideration.
4. The discussions in the plenary sessions will be interpreted from and into all six working languages of the OSCE.

Opening ceremony

- Formal opening of the Conference and keynote speeches: Challenges in implementing the OSCE commitments in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination

Opening plenary session: Combating discrimination and promoting mutual respect and understanding

- Implementation of the OSCE commitments relating to tolerance and non-discrimination; moving beyond tolerance to acceptance, based on mutual respect and understanding

Part I: Common and specific forms of intolerance and discrimination

- Plenary session 1: Combating anti-Semitism
- Plenary session 2: Combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims
- Plenary session 3: Combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions

Part II: Cross-cutting issues

- Plenary session 4: Legislation in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination; the role of law enforcement in combating hate crimes; data collection on hate crimes
- Plenary session 5: Education to promote mutual respect and understanding, remembrance of the Holocaust, and inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue
- Plenary session 6: Addressing racist, xenophobic and discriminatory public discourse spread through, *inter alia*, the media, Internet, satellite TV and textbooks, while respecting freedom of expression

Closing plenary session

- Reports by the moderators of the plenary sessions
- Conclusions and recommendations. The way ahead: Consolidating progress and facing new challenges

Closing ceremony

- Formal closing of the Conference

Work Programme

	Thursday, 7 June 2007	Friday, 8 June 2007
Morning	Opening ceremony Opening plenary session	Plenary session 3 Plenary session 4
Afternoon	Plenary session 1 Plenary session 2	Plenary session 5 Plenary session 6 Closing plenary session Closing ceremony