



Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2018

**Working Session 12 on Rights of migrants - Migrant workers,
the integration of legal migrants**

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Statement of the Delegation of Switzerland

Thank you Moderator,

We would like to thank both introducers for their words, in particular the reference made to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the first-ever UN global agreement on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions. We look forward to the conference in Marrakech later on this year.

Moderator,

It is the responsibility of participating States to strengthen capacities to address migration-related challenges.

The OSCE is in a unique position to provide an international platform to address the nexus that exists between large movements of persons and comprehensive security issues through dialogue, exchange of good practices and common approaches.

In participating States where migrant integration is a more recent challenge or the States with well-developed integration systems that currently face challenges of adaptation and absorption there is a need for diverse practices, knowledge sharing and avoidance of a “one-size-fits-all” approach to migrant integration.

OSCE commitments derive from several key decisions, most recently the one adopted in Hamburg on OSCE's Role in the Governance of Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees.

Switzerland thanks the Italian Chairmanship for its efforts to revitalize the work of our Organization on migration on the basis of the 2016 Hamburg Ministerial Decision.

In view of the large numbers of refugees, IDPs, asylum-seekers and stateless people in the OSCE region, the OSCE has to stay engaged in elaborating appropriate responses to the challenges resulting from forced displacement.

In addition to that, the OSCE should also continue working in close cooperation with other international and regional actors in order to build synergies and avoid duplications.

Switzerland welcomes the events organized by ODIHR on migration, such as the conference organized that took place in May 2017 in Chisinau, in the Republic of Moldova, on Good practices in integration of migrants in line with OSCE commitments and International standards. The Conference gathered key actors in the field of migration as well key national authorities responsible for migration issues in OSCE participating States.

The concluding recommendations of the report of the Chisinau conference address key challenges related to integration policies, welcome programmes and education, access to employment and health care as well as funding of integration measures. Switzerland invites all participating States to consider these recommendations.

Switzerland also welcomes regular updates by the OSCE Secretary General of the Compilation of Migration-related Activities of OSCE Executive Structures as well as the important and pioneer work undertaken in this field by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

In conclusion, Switzerland wishes to stress that successful integration policies, respecting cultural and religious diversity and contributing to the promotion and

protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, are a factor in promoting stability and cohesion within our societies.

Thank you Moderator.