



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ECONOMIC CRISIS

30 – 31 October 2014
Hofburg, Vienna

SCHEDULE AND OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENTS

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of OSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during OSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on OSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

The side events below are organized and scheduled exclusively at the request of participants of the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting. The descriptions have been provided by the organizers. They have been lightly edited by ODIHR for language but not for content. Responsibility for the content remains with the organizers. Neither the text below nor the events themselves necessarily reflect the views of the OSCE.

Thursday, 30 October

Title: Human rights in Crimea: threats and challenges in a time of a crisis
Convenor: Crimean Human Rights Field Mission, USA, Lithuania, Sweden, Ukraine and Canada
Time: 13.00 – 15.00
Venue: Ratsaal
Language: English, Russian

Friday, 31 October

Title: Protection of the Seafarers' Rights in the Occupied Crimea
Convenor: Ukrainian Independent Maritime Trade Union
Time: 12.00 – 14.00
Venue: Meeting Room 201
Language: English, Russian

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as submitted by the organizers**

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Summary: The Crimean Human Rights Field Mission, together with a representative of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis, will discuss the current state of fundamental freedoms, as well as social and economic rights on the Crimean peninsula during the present crisis. The Crimean Human Rights Field Mission has been working on the Crimean peninsula since March 5, and is a joint initiative of Ukrainian and Russian human rights organizations.

Refreshments will be provided

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Language: English, Russian

Summary: Ukrainian IMTU will report on the critical situation for the seafarers' labor and social rights that developed in Ukraine after the Russian aggression. New problems of the seafarers, residing in the occupied Crimea, despite of their politic preferences and citizenship, will be lighted. Dangers connected with illegal shipping in waters around Crimea also as threats for the world and European maritime labour systems will be discussed at.