
3rd Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 14

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992 and the Budapest Document 1994, and taking into consideration the Programme of Activities 1995 compiled by the ODIHR, the Permanent Council decides that the following seminars will be held:

- a Human Dimension Seminar on “Building Blocks for Civic Society: Freedom of Association and NGOs” from 4 to 7 April 1995 in Warsaw organized by the ODIHR,
- a Human Dimension Seminar on Rule of Law from 28 November to 1 December 1995 in Warsaw organized by the ODIHR,
- an international Seminar on Tolerance from 23 to 27 May 1995 in Bucharest, upon the invitation of the Government of Romania and under the auspices of the ODIHR and the Council of Europe,
- the Implementation Meeting on Human Dimension Issues from 2 to 19 October 1995 in Warsaw.

The Permanent Council, with a view to facilitating the preparations of the Human Dimension Seminar on “Building Blocks for Civic Society: Freedom of Association and NGOs”, approves the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities for the Seminar as proposed in Doc. 31/95.

Chairman's Statement

With reference to the agreement reached during the meeting of the Permanent Council on 12 January 1995 on the adoption under the silence procedure of a decision on meetings devoted to Human Dimension Issues to be organized by the ODIHR in 1995, I have the honour to inform you that the French European Union Presidency has advised the Chairmanship that the European Union is able to agree to the proposed time-frame for the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting for this year.

In this context it is the understanding of the Chairmanship that the duration and modalities of future Implementation Meetings on Human Dimension Issues should be addressed by the Permanent Council, after the Implementation Meeting to be held from 2 to 19 October 1995, with the aim of making recommendations to the Lisbon Summit.

(Source: PC Journal No. 8, Point 5)

Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of the United States of America:

“We are very pleased that we are able to take the decision on the ODIHR schedule today.

The commitment to the Helsinki-mandated three-week implementation meeting affirms in a practical and operational way the centrality of human rights to the OSCE.

We are confident that the meeting in October will prove to be a lively discussion, not only among delegations, but also with representatives of non-governmental organizations.

In our view, the Chairman’s statement does not in any way weaken that commitment we have jointly undertaken at Helsinki. In this context, we will be happy to discuss the results of the 1995 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in the context of the Permanent Council. We would like to have this interpretative statement registered in the Journal of the Day.”

(Source: PC Journal No. 8, Point 6)