

## **COMPILATION OF WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS**

*(Covering Working Sessions 6, 7 and 8)*

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**Thursday, 2 October 2008**

### **WORKING SESSION 6: Tolerance and non-discrimination I**

**Recommendations to participating States:**

#### **European Union recommends**

- Comprehensive plans and coordinated policies at all levels (regional, national, European), including all aspects of social inclusion should be elaborated in order to improve the situation of Roma and Sinti in the OSCE area.
- Education should be a priority in all policies concerning Roma and Sinti.
- Roma-related policies should be elaborated and implemented by the relevant authorities 'for Roma, with Roma', as stated explicitly, among others, by the OSCE plan for improving the situation of Roma and Sinti in the OSCE area.
- Acknowledgement, respect and support of the Roma and Sinti cultures and languages should be an essential part in forming and implementing national policies for the inclusion of the Roma and Sinti.
- Special attention must be paid to fighting all forms of discrimination against Roma and Sinti.

#### **Center for Interethnic Dialogue and Tolerance “Amalipe” To Bulgaria**

- We call upon Bulgarian government to start providing state budget financing for Framework program implementation from Budget 2009;

- to ensure proper administrative infrastructure for Framework program implementation: we express our concern that the administrative capacity for Roma integration policy decreases. Most of the District experts on ethnic and demographic issues left their positions or were discharged with the changes in administration in May 2008; the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Demographic Issues is still not-working body and lacks responsibilities; the human resources for Roma integration policy in the ministries are close to zero;
- to ensure decentralized way for implementation of the Framework program through establishing fund and programs for financial support of municipalities in implementing the Program at municipal level;
- to ensure certain mechanisms for participation of Roma NGOs and Roma community in the Program implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- to approve the Framework program after it is approved by the vast majority of Roma NGOs;
- to approve the Framework program as Decree of the Council of Ministers and to propose it the Parliament for approval as Decision of the Parliament.

#### **European Roma Rights Center**

- The ERRC reminds national governments that they have an obligation and a positive duty to undertake action to address the particular situation of the Roma.

#### **Romani CRISS (Romania)**

- we call upon the Romanian delegation to evaluate the implementation of the policies related to the improvement of the quality of education and to ensure that in the school year 2008-2009 those policies are actually implemented at local level.
- We call upon the Romanian, Bulgarian and Hungarian Delegations to provide information about concrete measures and penalties imposed against violent acts, discriminatory practices and hate speeches.
- Nevertheless, we remind to the Italian delegation that at the OSCE meeting in Viena in June 2008, we called upon the Italian government to report on the progress made in administrating justice in racist attacks targeted at Roma, at the next Human Dimension Meeting by the OSCE.

#### **USA**

- We urge the authorities to denounce the frequent characterization of Romani immigrants as criminals and to prosecute those responsible for these cowardly attacks.
- The United States encourages Slovakia, Romania, and other participating States to improve the implementation of the Action Plan's recommendations regarding housing and living conditions of Roma.

### Recommendations to the OSCE:

#### **Russian Federation**

- Важным направлением, которое также нуждается в особом внимании со стороны ОБСЕ, является обеспечение доступа к образованию цыганских детей.

#### **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

- We recommend ODIHR to assess the current situation in our neighboring country in terms of looking at existing legislation and administrative and judicial practice
- identify if any discriminatory regulations or practice which is not in compliance with OSCE commitments exist.
- We rely on the expertise that could be provided by the ODIHR Human Rights Department on Freedom of association, Freedom of assembly and Freedom of expression, as well as on the Legal Support Unit.
- Furthermore, we recommend the Representative of the Freedom of Media to consider pronouncing himself on the concerns raised by the minorities in Greece. The clarification of the situation could certainly further promote democratic stability in the region and contribute to the development of good neighborly relations. In light of the upcoming Chairmanship, we rest assured in the readiness of Greece to demonstrate its commitment to the OSCE principles and values.

#### **European Roma and Travellers Forum**

- demands from OSCE and from all others present at the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, to implement its documents more responsibly especially the Action plan for Roma and Sinti.

#### **Romani CRISS (Romania)**

- We call upon the CPRSI, to continue the dialogue carried with the Romanian Ministry of Education and contribute to the development of the Permanent Working Group within the Ministry as stated in the Desegregation Ministerial

Order and which is responsible for monitoring and advice in relation to the quality of education.

- we urge the (OSCE), in conformity with its mandate to prevent tensions to respond effectively, in a proactive manner, to ensure the protection of the Roma people at risk.
- we call upon the representatives of these institutions'(ODIHR, the delegation for European Union, the Council of Europe, European Roma Networks) to formalize again this process and make it more transparent.

Recommendations to participating States and the OSCE:

**European Roma Rights Center**

- The ERRC uses this occasion to call upon the governments of EU member states and the OSCE's Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues to work on developing common European standards for Roma inclusion, based on the effective engagement of institutions and Member States of the European Union
- In addition, the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues should play a key role in facilitating the engagement of the EU and therefore it should take a proactive role in coordinating the activities and developing overarching guidelines for the solution of the problems that Roma face today in the OSCE region.

**Thursday, 2 October 2008**

**WORKING SESSION 7: Tolerance and non-discrimination II**

Recommendations to participating States:

**Greek Helsinki Monitor**

- Greek authorities should push through the necessary reforms to facilitate the process for rape victims seeking justice
- "Authorities in Greece should realize that rape victims, after all they have been through, cannot be left waiting indefinitely in order to serve outdated laws,"

**USA**

- victims of domestic violence must have access to shelter and economic stability in order to permanently escape their abuser and prevent future violence.

- We urge all participating States to commit themselves to rigorous prosecution of domestic violence under either specific domestic violence statutes or under general assault laws.
- States must do more to train law enforcement and social workers in effective response to victims of domestic violence.

Recommendations to the OSCE:

**Almaty Confederation of NGOs “Ariptes”**

Предложение к ОБСЕ.

- Предлагаю ОБСЕ создать сеть мужчин-гендеристов, которые смогут через свою призму взглядов решать гендерные и женские темы в ОБСЕ и в других организациях. Тогда у нас будет действительное продвижение гендерного равенства и решение женских вопросов.

**European Union**

- The EU encourages both organisations (the OSCE and the Council of Europe) to enhance and strengthen their cooperation in all fields possible, especially regarding in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination.

**OSCE Secretariat**

- Firstly, the mainstreaming of gender aspects must be broadened to not only cover the human dimension but also the politico-military and the economic and environmental dimensions;
- the participation of women in the management and steering of OSCE executive structures and programmes must be increased.
- Clearly, our field operations should focus more on addressing women’s and girls’ concerns and include their contributions within the framework of politico-military and environmental and economic programmes.

**Canada**

- Canada would therefore like to see the OSCE continue its efforts to effectively implement gender equality into OSCE programming and projects, such as by performing gender-based analysis and formulating gender-responsive results.

Recommendations to participating States and the OSCE:

**European Roma Rights Center**

- the ERRC calls upon the national governments of the OSCE region and the OSCE itself to develop and implement policies which will address the effects of multiple forms of discrimination and eliminate discrimination based on gender and race.

## **USA**

- The OSCE and participating States must take every step to ensure the physical safety and security of women and their children in crisis and conflict situations.

**Friday, 3 October 2008**

**WORKIN SESSION 8 & 9: Education and awareness-raising in the promotion of human rights**

*Recommendations to participating States:*

**European Union**

- We call upon all states to implement this plan and further integrate human rights into the primary and secondary school system
- human rights education should not stop at the end of primary or secondary education. It is important to conceive human rights education as a lifelong learning process.
- In order to promote tolerance we need to raise human rights awareness in all generations and in all social strata.
- This can be achieved only by investing in teacher training and by equipping the teachers at all levels with sufficient skills and knowledge on human rights and minority rights.

**USA**

- We encourage all OSCE participating States to join us in commending both OSCE and ODIHR for their critical work in spearheading efforts to promote human rights education across the region.

**Public Movement “Multinational Georgia”**

- the state should provide suitable conditions for training of teachers and promote access to such training.

*Recommendations to the OSCE:*

**Civitas-Bosnia and Herzegovina**

- There is a need for the OSCE member countries to put in place policies which would ensure that programs that promote human rights and encourage active citizenship are at the very foundation of curriculum. Since this is a new content teacher professional development should also be mandated and regulated

**European Union**

- The EU welcomes the existing cooperation between the OSCE and the Council of Europe. The EU encourages both organisations to enhance and strengthen their cooperation in all fields possible, especially regarding education and awareness-raising in the promotion of human rights.
- The EU proposes that the ODIHR continues implementing the project and tries to attract more participating states in further promoting human rights education with special focus on the rights of the child.

*Recommendations to participating States and the OSCE:*

**Stichting Magenta - Magenta Foundation**

we recommend to the participating states and ODIHR

- to Facilitate Civil Society preparatory meetings at the HDIM, analogue to the preparatory meetings facilitated by the TnD program staff and others, but organized and controlled by Civil Society itself.
- Safeguard at all times the right of NGOs to fully participate in the HDIM, including the right to do individual interventions and give recommendations

**Public Movement “Multinational Georgia”**

- Amend the 2005 Law on General Education to emphasize bilingual education in minority areas and ensure that core social science subjects are taught in Azeri and Armenian (in parallel with Georgian).
- Support this commitment using mandate of the OSCE High Commissioner on national minorities.
- Strengthen Georgian as a second language (GSL) teacher training, development of GSL teaching materials and opportunities for minorities to learn GSL in primary and secondary schools.
- Strengthen instruction of teachers in intercultural education in line with introduction of the human rights education on regular basis or as a part of school curricula.
- Teaching tolerance should be part of this process. Intercultural learning should involve teachers, parents and children as partners.
- Support this process by involvement of the ODIHR/TND and ODIHR Human Rights Department.
- Improve access to higher education by amending rules to allow minority students to take national entrance examinations in Russian, Armenian or Azeri and provide intensive GSL study to students who do not pass Georgian language exams.
- Support this commitment using mandate of the OSCE High Commissioner on national minorities.
- To revise school textbooks regarding issues relating to racism and racial discrimination, using mandate and programs of the ODIHR/TND and involving local NGOs and educators.