

SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING

DEMOCRATIZATION: STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY THROUGH EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION

2 – 3 November 2006 HOFBURG, VIENNA

AGENDA

Day 1 2 November 2006

15.00 - 16.00 **OPENING SESSION:**

Opening remarks:

Ambassador Pierre Champenois, Special Advisor to the OSCE Chairmanship

Ambassador Christian Strohal, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

Keynote speech:

Mr. Ivan Krastev, Chair of the Board, Programme Director, Political Research, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria

Technical information by the OSCE/ODIHR

16.00 - 18.00

Session I: Empowerment of legislatures: A modern and democratic parliamentary infrastructure

Introductory speeches:

Mr. Alessandro Palanza, Deputy Secretary General, Chamber of Deputies, Rome

Ms. Donka Banovic, Chairperson of the Committee for Education in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

Moderator: Ms. Jill Adler, Director, East-West Parliamentary Practice Project, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Discussion

18:00 Reception offered by the OSCE Chairmanship

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09.00 - 12.00 Session II: Political parties and parliamentary factions

Introductory speeches:

Mr. Ivan Doherty, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Washington, USA

Ms. Mira Karybaeva, Programme Officer, Social Technologies Agency, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Moderator: Mr. Roel von Meijenfeldt, Executive Director, Institute for Multiparty Democracy (IMD), the Hague, the Netherlands.

Discussion

12.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 16.00 Session III: Law Making and Access to Legislation in a Democratic System of Government

Introductory speeches:

Ms. Marianne Mikko, Member of the European Parliament, member of the Social Democratic Party of Estonia, Tallinn

Mr. Jean-Pierre Duprat, Professor of Public Law, Director of the Research Institute of Public Law,

University of Montesquieu - Bordeaux IV

Moderator: Ms. Elena Mizulina, Permanent Representative of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly in the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, Moscow

Discussion

16.00 - 16.30 Break

16.30 - 17.30 **CLOSING PLENARY:**

Report by the Working Sessions Moderator Comments from the floor

Keynote speech:

The Rt. Hon. Bruce George MP, The House of Commons, London, Former President of OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (2002-2004)

Closing remarks:

Ambassador Bertrand De Crombrugghe, Chairman of the Permanent Council of the OSCE, Head of the Permanent Delegation of Belgium to the OSCE

Ambassador Christian Strohal, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

17:30 Close of Day 2