

Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

<u>Upholding the Principles of Tolerance and Non-Discrimination,</u> <u>including in the Promotion and Protection of Freedom of Religion or</u> Belief

1 – 2 April 2019 Hofburg, Vienna

AGENDA

Day 1 1 April

15.00 – 16.00 **OPENING SESSION**

Opening remarks:

- **Amb. Radomír Boháč,** Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council
- Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, First Deputy Director, OSCE/ODIHR

Introductory addresses:

- **Professor Ingeborg Gabriel**, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, Austria
- Amb. Mehmet Paçacı, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims
- Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism

Technical information: Ms. Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, First Deputy Director, OSCE/ODIHR

16.00 - 18.00

<u>SESSION I:</u> Root Causes and Consequences of Racism and Discrimination in Connection to Religion or Belief: Implementing the OSCE's Comprehensive Approach while Addressing the Particular Needs of Marginalized Groups

Introducers:

- Mr. Jan Figel, Special Envoy for Promotion of Freedom of Religion outside the EU
- Mr. Ioannis N. Dimitrakopoulos, Scientific Adviser, Director's Office, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Moderator: **Ms. Cristina Finch,** Head, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, OSCE/ODIHR

18.00

Reception hosted by the Slovak Chairmanship of the OSCE Palmenhaus (Burggarten 1, 1010 Vienna)

Day 2 2 April

10.30 - 12.30

<u>SESSION II:</u> Security of Communities and Support to Victims: Good Practices of Addressing Discrimination, Hate and Violence against Christians, Jews, Muslims and other Religious or Belief Communities

Introducers:

- Mr. Levan Meshkoradze, Team Leader of EU project "Combating All Forms of Discrimination in Georgia, Office of the Ombudsman, Georgia
- Ms. Stamatia Stavrinaki, Coordinator, Racist Violence Recording Network of UNHCR Greece

Moderator: Ms. Christie Edwards, Deputy Head, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, OSCE/ODIHR

14.30 – 16.30

SESSION III: The Role of Educational Programs and Civil
Society Initiatives as a Means to Address Negative Stereotyping
and Stigmatization and Promote Mutual Respect and
Understanding: State Responses, Coalition Building,
Community Resilience

Introducers:

- Ms. Salpy Eskidijan Weiderud, Executive Director, Office of the Religious Track of the Cyprus Peace Process
- Mr. Emir Kovačević, Vice President, Commission on Freedom of Religion of Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Moderator: Mr. Omer Fisher, Head, Human Rights Department, OSCE/ODIHR

16.30 – 17.30 **CLOSING SESSION**

Rapports from the working sessions Comments from the floor

Closing remarks:

- Ms. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Director, OSCE/ODIHR
- Amb. Radomír Boháč, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council

17.30 Closing of the meeting

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