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**DECISION No. 1077
TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides to select the following topics for the second part of the 2013 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “Democratic Elections and Election Observation: Sharing Best Practices”, “Freedom of Assembly and Association”, and “Freedom of Religion or Belief”.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Turkey:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, paragraph IV.1(A)6 and with regard to the decisions just adopted by the Permanent Council on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, as well as on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the delegation of Turkey makes the following interpretative statement:

The delegation of Turkey thanks the Ukrainian Chairmanship-in-Office for its hard work and commitment in order to prepare a consistent package of human dimension events. Acting in a constructive fashion, we deem it important that in a time when a robust approach to the human dimension is needed, we should capitalize on the momentum generated by the Chairmanship’s efforts in order to secure a package of events agreeable to all.

Having said that, while joining the consensus on the package of human dimension events for 2013 submitted by the Chairmanship and the three relevant Permanent Council decisions, our delegation deems it necessary to point out that in its opinion, the area of tolerance and non-discrimination is not adequately reflected in the set of human dimension events as it stands.

This delegation has consistently expressed its support for the priorities of the Ukrainian Chairmanship-in-Office for the human dimension, in its entirety, including the Chairmanship’s own intention to promote tolerance and non-discrimination.

In this context, our hope is that we would be able to capitalize on the continuing efforts of the Chairmanship and reach without further delay a decision to convene a high-level conference on tolerance and non-discrimination. This would pave the way for the smooth adoption and implementation of decisions that need to be taken in the period ahead of us with regard to the events that we have just agreed upon.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day, and to the decisions in question.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
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By the delegation of Kazakhstan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, paragraph IV.1(A)6 and with regard to the decisions just adopted by the Permanent Council on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar, on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as well as on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the delegation of Kazakhstan would like to make the following interpretative statement:

The delegation of Kazakhstan joins the consensus on the decisions of the Permanent Council on the package of the human dimension events and thanks the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship as well as all participating States for the efforts to build consensus on the package.

While joining the consensus, the delegation of Kazakhstan expresses its hope that the OSCE participating States will be able to reach consensus without delay on the agenda of the OSCE High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination in Tirana in 2013 which was generously offered to be hosted by the Albanian government as a follow-up to the 2007 Bucharest and 2010 Astana high-level conferences on tolerance and non-discrimination.

I request this statement to be attached to the decisions just adopted as well as to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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By the delegation of Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland):

“Mr. Chairperson,

I speak on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway.

We are pleased to see the timely adoption of the PC decisions on preparation of and follow-up to human dimension events for 2013. To us this indicates that we are on the right track towards an improved co-operation on third dimension issues.

We note that the decision on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting is well balanced, given that questions on tolerance and non-discrimination can be thoroughly debated during the planned high-level conference in Tirana from which possible recommendations can be presented during the HDIM.

Our support for today’s decisions, thus, is based on an equally strong support for the Tirana conference for which we hope that a similar decision can be made shortly.

I ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”