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**DECISION No. 1219  
AGENDA FOR THE 2016 HUMAN DIMENSION  
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

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

Further recalling the provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992, Chapter I and Chapter VI, paragraph 9,

Recalling also its Decision No. 1218 (PC.DEC/1218) of 28 July 2016 on the dates and topics for the second part of the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting,

Decides to adopt the agenda for the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as set out in the annex.

## **AGENDA FOR THE 2016 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

Warsaw, 19 to 30 September 2016

### **Monday, 19 September 2016**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.      Opening plenary session
- 1–3 p.m.              Break
- 3–6 p.m.              Working session 1: Democratic institutions, including address by the  
Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human  
Rights

### **Tuesday, 20 September 2016**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.      Working session 2 (specifically selected topic): The international  
covenants on human rights and their importance for the OSCE human  
dimension
- 1–3 p.m.              Break
- 3–6 p.m.              Working session 3 (specifically selected topic): The international  
covenants on human rights and their importance for the OSCE human  
dimension (continued)

### **Wednesday, 21 September 2016**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.      Working session 4 (specifically selected topic): Freedom of assembly  
and association
- 1–3 p.m.              Break
- 3–6 p.m.              Working session 5 (specifically selected topic): Freedom of assembly  
and association (continued)

### **Thursday, 22 September 2016**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.      Working session 6: Fundamental freedoms I, including address by the  
OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 7: Humanitarian issues and other commitments, including address by the OSCE Special Representative/Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

**Friday, 23 September 2016**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 8: Rule of law I
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 9: Rule of law II

**Monday, 26 September 2016**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 10: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 11: Tolerance and non-discrimination I (continued), including prevention and responses to hate crimes in the OSCE area, and combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance on religious grounds

**Tuesday, 27 September 2016**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 12: Fundamental freedoms I (continued), including freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 13: Fundamental freedoms II, including freedom of movement

**Wednesday, 28 September 2016**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 14: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including ensuring equal opportunity for women and men in all spheres in life, including through implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality
- 1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 15: Tolerance and non-discrimination II (continued), including Roma and Sinti issues, including implementation of the OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti

**Thursday, 29 September 2016**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 16 (specifically selected topic): Rights of the child

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 17 (specifically selected topic): Rights of the child (continued)

**Friday, 30 September 2016**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 18: Discussion of human dimension activities (with special emphasis on project work)

Closing reinforced plenary session (reinforced by the participation of human rights directors, OSCE ambassadors and heads of OSCE institutions):

- Any other business
- Closing of the meeting

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**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 Georgia:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, paragraph IV.1(A)6, the Georgian delegation wishes to make an interpretative statement with regard to the adoption of the agenda of the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM).

While joining the consensus, the Georgian delegation considers it necessary to point out that some topical issues have been omitted from the 2016 HDIM agenda.

In this context, we would like to highlight the importance of addressing the issue of the forceful displacement. It goes without saying, that the increasing number of internally displaced persons and refugees in the OSCE area is one of the major concerns for our organization, as millions of people are deprived of their fundamental rights, first and foremost the right to return to their places of residence in dignity and safety.

It is our principled position that in the future, the agenda of the HDIM should clearly and unambiguously reflect issues of the internally displaced persons and refugees.

Mr. Chairperson, I ask that this statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”