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**DECISION No. 897
AGENDA FOR THE 2009 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. 886 (PC.DEC/886) of 6 March 2009 on the dates for the 2009 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM), and Decision No. 885 (PC.DEC/885) of 6 March 2009, on the topics for the second part of the 2009 HDIM,

Decides to adopt the agenda for the 2009 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as set out in the annex.

AGENDA FOR THE 2009 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Warsaw, 28 September to 9 October 2009

Monday, 28 September 2009

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1: Rule of law I, including:
- Legislative transparency;
 - Independence of the judiciary;
 - Right to a fair trial;
 - Follow-up of the 2009 Human Dimension Seminar on Strengthening the Rule of Law in the OSCE Area, with a Specific Focus on the Effective Administration of Justice.

Tuesday, 29 September 2009

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Fundamental freedoms I, including:
- Freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief;
 - Follow-up of the 2009 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Freedom of Religion or Belief.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 3: Fundamental freedoms II, including:
- Freedom of assembly and association;
 - Freedom of movement;
 - National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights.

Wednesday, 30 September 2009

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 4: Rule of law II, including:
- Exchange of views on the question of abolition of capital punishment;
 - Prevention of torture;
 - Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 5: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:
- Address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;
 - National minorities;
 - Preventing aggressive nationalism, racism and chauvinism.

Thursday, 1 October 2009

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 6: Humanitarian issues and other commitments I, including:
- Trafficking in human beings;
 - Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 7: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including:
- Equality of opportunity for women and men;
 - Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality;
 - Prevention of violence against women.

Friday, 2 October 2009

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working Session 8 (specifically selected topic): Human rights education
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 9 (specifically selected topic): Human rights education (continued)

Monday, 5 October 2009

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 10: Tolerance and non-discrimination II (continued):

Review of the implementation of commitments, promotion of mutual respect and understanding

- Prevention and response to hate crimes in the OSCE area;
- Follow-up of the 2009 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Hate Crimes – Effective Implementation of Legislation;
- Combating racism, xenophobia, and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions;
- Combating anti-Semitism;
- Combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims.

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 11: Humanitarian issues and other commitments II, including:

- Migrant workers, the integration of legal migrants;
- Refugees and displaced persons;
- Treatment of citizens of other participating States.

Tuesday, 6 October 2009

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 12 (specifically selected topic): Freedom of expression, free media and information

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 13 (specifically selected topic): Freedom of expression, free media and information (continued)

Wednesday, 7 October 2009

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 14 (specifically selected topic): Roma/Sinti and, in particular, early education for Roma and Sinti children

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 15 (specifically selected topic): Roma/Sinti and, in particular, early education for Roma and Sinti children (continued)

Thursday, 8 October 2009

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 16: Discussion of human dimension activities (with special emphasis on project work), including:

- Presentation of activities of the ODIHR and other OSCE institutions and field operations to implement priorities and tasks contained in the OSCE decisions and other documents.

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 17: Democratic institutions, including:

- Democratic elections;
- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels;
- Citizenship and political rights.

Friday, 9 October 2009

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closing reinforced plenary session (reinforced by the participation of human rights directors, OSCE ambassadors, heads of OSCE institutions):

- Any other business;
- Closing.