



**SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING
ON
COMBATING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
OF CHILDREN**

**18 - 19 October 2007
HOFBURG, VIENNA**

General Guidelines

**The modalities of this meeting are set out in accordance with the decision of the
Permanent Council (PC.DEC/476, 23 May 2002)**

1. Aim of the Meeting

This SHDM will review how participating States implement OSCE commitments as well as other international standards in the sphere of combating sexual exploitation of children, preventing this crime, and providing social protection and assistance to victims. The meeting will provide an opportunity to raise and review key issues and challenges in tackling commercial sexual exploitation of children. It will seek to identify ways in which implementation of commitments and legislation can be improved both at the national and local levels.

The meeting will focus on the following three areas:

- Understanding and addressing vulnerability to exploitation;
- Legislation and its implementation: social protection and criminal law;
- Good practices in prevention and protection.

Recommendations may be addressed to the participating States, the OSCE as a whole, OSCE institutions, as well as the OSCE field operations, or other inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations, as well as other civil society actors and national institutions dealing with child rights and sexual exploitation of children in OSCE participating States.

2. Languages

Translation will be provided in the six working languages of the OSCE.

3. Participation

Representatives of the OSCE participating States, OSCE institutions, and OSCE field operations, representatives of international governmental organizations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other civil society actors will participate in the Meeting.

The Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean partners for co-operation are invited to attend and contribute with respect to their co-operation and links with the OSCE in the field.

4. Guidelines for the Debates

The intention is to develop a discussion based on the keynote speech(es), introductory remarks, background information and written statements circulated in advance or during the Meeting. **To this end, formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are not envisaged in the course of the Meeting and are discouraged.**

Prepared statements, background documentation, comments or written materials may be submitted preferably by e-mail (elke.lidarik@osce.org) in advance for circulation by the Documents Distribution Centre.

5. Organization

On-line registration for all participants is available at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>. Participants are requested to register on-line by Wednesday, 3 October 2007. In case of any questions, please contact Ms. Anna Sierant at anna.sierant@odihr.pl or at tel.: +48 22 520 06 00 (ext. 4121).

In addition, advance registration will be available on Thursday, 18 October 2007, from 10:00am till 15:00pm in the Hofburg Congress Centre, Segmentgalerie. Registration during the Meeting will be available at the same place.

6. Other

Side Events may be held in the course of the two days. Additional information on the content and objectives of any side event, as well as timing and duration will be made available shortly on the website of the Meeting.