

Agenda OSCE Conference on anti-Semitism

Day 1 19 June 2003

9:00 – 10:00 OPENING SESSION – SETTING THE CONTEXT

- Why this meeting, why now?
- Define the problem of anti-Semitism and its manifestations throughout the OSCE
- The role of governments in monitoring and responding to incidents

Opening by Representative of the Chairmanship

Keynote addresses:

- H.E. Solomon Passy, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria
- Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland

10:00 – 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 12:15 SESSION 1: LEGISLATIVE, INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTION, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Topics may include, *inter alia* :

- Appropriate anti-discrimination legislation and national experience with criminal prosecution of violence
- A discussion of hate crime legislation and good police practices
- Law enforcement and the judiciary, including training
- Government policies and practices at national, regional, and local levels, including the examination of the role of independent specialized bodies

Moderator: Dr. Juliane Wetzel, Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technische Universität Berlin

Introducer: Nils Muižnieks, Minister for Special Assignments for Society Integration Affairs, Latvia
Michel Voisin, President of the French Delegation to the OSCE PA
Judge Rosalia Abella, Ontario Court of Appeals

General Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH (HOFBURG DACHFOYER) OFFERED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, Address by Lord Janner of Braunstone QC, President of the Inter Parliamentary Council Against Anti-Semitism (IPCAA)

14:00 – 15:45 SESSION 2: THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN PROMOTING TOLERANCE

Topics may include, *inter alia* :

- The role of governmental bodies and NGOs in reporting, monitoring and combating anti-Semitism and intolerance
- The effectiveness of dialogue as a mechanism to support understanding and mutual respect
- Inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and development of civic tolerance-building programs

Moderator: Gert Weisskirchen, Member of the Bundestag

Introducer: Naim Güleriyüz, Vice President of the Quincentennial Foundation,
Adviser to the Chief Rabbi in Turkey
Jean Kahn, President, Union of French Jewish Communities
Alcee Hastings, Member of US Congress

General Discussion

15:45 – 17:30 SESSION 3: EDUCATION

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- Equal access to education
- Teacher training programs
- Teaching of history
- School curricula
- Elimination of discrimination tendencies and prejudices in society

Moderator: Rabbi Andrew Baker, The American Jewish Committee

Introducer: Rolland Jouve, Ministry of Education, France
Professor David Meghnagi, University of Rome III
Robert Wistrich, Hebrew University

General Discussion

17:30 CLOSE OF DAY ONE

17:45 RECEPTION (PALAIS PALLAVICINI)

19:15 DINNER (PALAIS PALLAVICINI) OFFERED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS – Address by Mr. Robert Badinter, Former Minister of Justice, Former President of the Constitutional Council, Senator

Day 2 20 June 2003

10:00 – 11:45 SESSION 4: INFORMATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING: THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN CONVEYING AND COUNTERING PREJUDICE

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- Public opinion and role of the media, including new technologies (inter alia the internet)
- Reporting and interpretation of developments in the OSCE area

- Problems regarding the dissemination of hate speech and anti-Semitic materials and ways to counteract this
- Addressing Holocaust denial

Moderator: Beata Klimkiewicz, ODIHR Advisory Panel on Freedom of Religion

Introducer: Robert Rifkind, Attorney
 Professor Jacques Picard, University of Basel
 Konstanty Gebert, Journalist

General Discussion

11:45 – 12:00 BREAK

12:00 – 13:00 CLOSING PLENARY

Conclusions and Recommendations

Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship

Reports by the Working Session Moderators

Comments from the floor

13:00 CLOSE OF DAY 2