



OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2008

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EU Recommendations under role of law II :

At the eve of the 60th anniversary of the universal declaration of human rights the EU encourages other participating states to join its efforts to achieve a world where human rights are fully respected in all circumstances.

The EU expects participating states:

To comply with the unconditional prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, to take all necessary and effective legal, administrative, judicial, social and other measures to prevent torture, and not to transfer any person to a country, where there are substantial grounds to believe that he or she would be subjected to torture or ill treatment.

To fully cooperate with the independent preventive and monitoring mechanisms in OSCE, UN, ICRC the Council of Europe and at national level, as well as with civil society, to provide requested information and to grant them unhindered access to places of detention and unrestricted possibility to interview any person in private.

The EU recommends that participating states adhere to OPCAT and other relevant international instruments such as the international convention for the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance and make the declarations provided for in UNCAT articles 21 and 22.

The EU also urges all OSCE participating states to ensure implementation of all UN general assembly and human rights council resolutions on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The EU expects all OSCE participating states to fully respect international law, in particular human rights, refugee and international humanitarian law in their counter terrorism measures.

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