

Chairmanship: Ukraine

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(946th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Tuesday, 2 April 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 10.20 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE HUMAN
DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1076 (PC.DEC/1076) on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision),
Kazakhstan (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF
THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION
MEETING

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Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision),
Kazakhstan (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision),

Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland)
(interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN
DIMENSION SEMINAR IN WARSAW

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1078 (PC.DEC/1078)
on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the text
of which is appended to this journal.

Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision),
United States of America (Annex 1), Russian Federation (Annex 2),
Kazakhstan (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 April 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The United States welcomes the consensus approval of the three draft decisions covering the topic of and date for the HD Seminar, the date for the HDIM, and the special topics for the HDIM. The United States believes that these must be accompanied by a decision as soon as possible on a High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination. The OSCE needs a significant tolerance and non-discrimination event on its calendar this year, and we thank Albania for its generous offer to host such an event.

Mr. Chairperson, the promotion of tolerance is a lot like the struggle to build a democracy – the work is never really finished. All of us must strive continually to ensure the human rights of persons belonging to ethnic and religious minorities and other marginalized and vulnerable populations, and to prevent and address intolerance and discrimination against these populations. The Chairmanship has put forward a workable baseline agenda for addressing intolerance, discrimination, hate crimes, and education of the next generation to foster respect for diversity.

We look forward to discussing and finalizing an agenda for this High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, as well as for the HD Seminar, as soon as possible. We stress the need for adequate time to prepare for these important meetings.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

We take a positive view of the efforts of the Ukrainian Chairmanship to seek a balance in the OSCE's work in the human dimension that will take into account the interests of different States.

It is reassuring that freedom of movement and human contacts, which are an important element in the strengthening of friendly relations and trust among peoples, will be a subject of discussion at the first OSCE supplementary meeting.

Unfortunately, the agendas for this year's human dimension events do not address other no less pressing problems for the OSCE area, such as the protection of the rights of national minorities, children's rights, tolerance and the countering of aggressive nationalism, the ensuring of economic and social rights, and non-interference in private life. We hope, nevertheless, that these issues will be given the attention they deserve during the human dimension events and the Warsaw review meeting.

In that context, we note the importance of continuing the work to reform the format of OSCE human dimension events. We look to the Ukrainian Chairmanship to resume this process as soon as possible and also to put forward specific proposals on optimizing the activities in the human dimension.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting of the Permanent Council.



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**DECISION No. 1076
DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

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

Decides that the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 23 September to 4 October 2013.

**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 Turkey:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, paragraph IV.1(A)6 and with regard to the decisions just adopted by the Permanent Council on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, as well as on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the delegation of Turkey makes the following interpretative statement:

The delegation of Turkey thanks the Ukrainian Chairmanship-in-Office for its hard work and commitment in order to prepare a consistent package of human dimension events. Acting in a constructive fashion, we deem it important that in a time when a robust approach to the human dimension is needed, we should capitalize on the momentum generated by the Chairmanship’s efforts in order to secure a package of events agreeable to all.

Having said that, while joining the consensus on the package of human dimension events for 2013 submitted by the Chairmanship and the three relevant Permanent Council decisions, our delegation deems it necessary to point out that in its opinion, the area of tolerance and non-discrimination is not adequately reflected in the set of human dimension events as it stands.

This delegation has consistently expressed its support for the priorities of the Ukrainian Chairmanship-in-Office for the human dimension, in its entirety, including the Chairmanship’s own intention to promote tolerance and non-discrimination.

In this context, our hope is that we would be able to capitalize on the continuing efforts of the Chairmanship and reach without further delay a decision to convene a high-level conference on tolerance and non-discrimination. This would pave the way for the smooth adoption and implementation of decisions that need to be taken in the period ahead of us with regard to the events that we have just agreed upon.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day, and to the decisions in question.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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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 Kazakhstan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, paragraph IV.1(A)6 and with regard to the decisions just adopted by the Permanent Council on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar, on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as well as on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the delegation of Kazakhstan would like to make the following interpretative statement:

The delegation of Kazakhstan joins the consensus on the decisions of the Permanent Council on the package of the human dimension events and thanks the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship as well as all participating States for the efforts to build consensus on the package.

While joining the consensus, the delegation of Kazakhstan expresses its hope that the OSCE participating States will be able to reach consensus without delay on the agenda of the OSCE High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination in Tirana in 2013 which was generously offered to be hosted by the Albanian government as a follow-up to the 2007 Bucharest and 2010 Astana high-level conferences on tolerance and non-discrimination.

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**DECISION No. 1077
TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

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

Decides to select the following topics for the second part of the 2013 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “Democratic Elections and Election Observation: Sharing Best Practices”, “Freedom of Assembly and Association”, and “Freedom of Religion or Belief”.

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Having said that, while joining the consensus on the package of human dimension events for 2013 submitted by the Chairmanship and the three relevant Permanent Council decisions, our delegation deems it necessary to point out that in its opinion, the area of tolerance and non-discrimination is not adequately reflected in the set of human dimension events as it stands.

This delegation has consistently expressed its support for the priorities of the Ukrainian Chairmanship-in-Office for the human dimension, in its entirety, including the Chairmanship’s own intention to promote tolerance and non-discrimination.

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By the delegation of Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland):

“Mr. Chairperson,

I speak on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway.

We are pleased to see the timely adoption of the PC decisions on preparation of and follow-up to human dimension events for 2013. To us this indicates that we are on the right track towards an improved co-operation on third dimension issues.

We note that the decision on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting is well balanced, given that questions on tolerance and non-discrimination can be thoroughly debated during the planned high-level conference in Tirana from which possible recommendations can be presented during the HDIM.

Our support for today’s decisions, thus, is based on an equally strong support for the Tirana conference for which we hope that a similar decision can be made shortly.

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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”



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DECISION No. 1078
TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR
IN WARSAW

The Permanent Council,

Having considered the results of the 2012 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting,

Decides that the Human Dimension Seminar will take place in Warsaw from 13 to 15 May 2013 and will be devoted to the topic “Media Freedom Legal Framework”;

Tasks the ODIHR with elaborating the agenda and modalities of the Seminar.

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