



## HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

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### Bios of introducers and moderators

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#### MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

<b>Opening plenary session</b>	<b>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</b>
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#### **Mrs. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir (Chair/Opening remarks)**

Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir (Iceland) was appointed as Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights on 18 July 2017. Gísladóttir has 35 years of leadership experience working on human rights, democratic governance and the rule of law at the international, national and local levels. Before taking up the position of ODIHR Director, she served from 2014 as Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia and Country Representative to Turkey for UN Women. From 2011 to 2014 she was Country Representative of UN Women to Afghanistan.

From 2007 to 2009, Gísladóttir served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland. She was previously a Member of Parliament and Chairperson and Leader of the Social Democratic Alliance (2005 – 2009) and Mayor of the City of Reykjavik (1994 – 2003). Throughout her career, she has been involved in policy and development work in conflict and non-conflict countries, aimed at strengthening democratic institutions and human rights.

In the early years of her political career, in 1982, Gísladóttir was one of the founders of the Women's Party, laying the ground for Iceland's remarkable progress in gender equality.

Gísladóttir holds a Bachelor's degree in history and literature from the University of Iceland (1979), and pursued Post-graduate studies in history at the University of Copenhagen (1979-1981). In 2004 she was a Visiting Scholar at the European Institute, London School of Economics (LSE). She speaks English, French and Danish.

### **Minister Sebastian Kurz (Opening remarks)**

Sebastian Kurz was born in 1986 in Vienna. Since 2003, he has been involved in the Young Austrian People's Party (ÖVP). One year later, Sebastian Kurz started studying law at the University of Vienna. In 2007, he became Chairman of the Viennese branch of the Young Austrian People's Party and was elected as Federal Chairman two years later. Until his appointment as State Secretary for Integration in April 2011, he acted as member of the Vienna City Council, focusing on the new approach "integration through performance to de-emotionalize the public debate over integration of migrants in the Austrian society.

On 16 December 2013, he was sworn in as Austrian Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs. Key aspects of his foreign policy included the ongoing support of the countries of the Western Balkans on their way towards the European Union and the establishment of a stronger interlinkage between foreign and economic policy through a newly established "Business Support Service". Moreover, Sebastian Kurz aims to position Austria as international bridge builder and a place for dialogue by hosting the Iran Talks and the Syria Peace Talks in Vienna.

In 2014, Sebastian Kurz was Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, and in 2017 he acts as Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE during the Austrian Chairmanship. He also serves as Chairman of the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party, a think tank and political training institution.

### **Minister Witold Waszczykowski (Opening Remarks)**

Witold Waszczykowski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy and History at the University of Lodz (1980), and the Department of International Studies at the University of Oregon (1991) in the United States. In 1992-93, he pursued postgraduate studies in international security and arms control at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Switzerland. In 1993, he was awarded a PhD in the humanities (history). From 1981 to 1987, he was an assistant lecturer at the Faculty of Philosophy and History of the University of Lodz.

He began his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the early 1990s. In 1992, he became a senior expert in the United Nations System Department and the European Institutions Department, and in 1996 he was named deputy director of the European Institutions Department, and then of the Security Policy Department. In 1997, he served as head of Poland's Liaison Office to NATO in Brussels, and went on to become deputy Permanent Representative of Poland at the newly created diplomatic mission to the North Atlantic Alliance (1997-99). From 1999 to 2002, he was posted as Poland's Ambassador to Iran. In 2003, he worked at the Department of Foreign Policy Strategy and Planning, and in 2005 became deputy director of the Department of Africa and the Middle East. In 2005-08, he was deputy foreign minister, also serving as the chief negotiator during Poland-US missile shield talks.

In 2008, he was appointed deputy head of the National Security Bureau. From 2011, he served as a Law and Justice Member of Parliament to the 7th Sejm. In the parliament, he was deputy chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and a delegate to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

### **Ambassador Thomas Greminger (Opening remarks)**

Ambassador Thomas Greminger was appointed Secretary General of the OSCE on 18 July 2017 for a three-year term.

Ambassador Greminger joined the diplomatic service of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) in 1990 and has held numerous senior management positions during his career. Prior to his appointment as OSCE Secretary General, he was Deputy Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, overseeing an annual budget of USD 730 million and 900 staff in Bern and abroad.

From 2010 to 2015, Greminger was the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, serving as Chair of the Permanent Council during Switzerland's 2014 OSCE Chairmanship. Prior to his assignment at the Permanent Delegation of Switzerland to the OSCE, Greminger was Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs's Human Security Division, Switzerland's competence centre for peace, human rights, and humanitarian and migration policy.

Thomas Greminger holds a PhD in history from the University of Zurich and the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (General Staff) in the Swiss Armed Forces. He has authored a number of publications on military history, conflict management, peacekeeping, development and human rights. His mother tongue is German; he speaks fluent English and French, and has a working knowledge of Portuguese. In 2012, he was awarded the OSCE white ribbon for his long-standing support for gender equality.

### **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier (Opening remarks)**

Ambassador Lamberto Zannier of Italy took up the mandate of OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities on 19 July 2017.

Before taking up the position as High Commissioner, Zannier was OSCE Secretary General during two consecutive three-year terms, from 1 July 2011 until 30 June 2017.

Zannier joined the Italian Foreign Ministry as a career diplomat in 1978. From June 2008 to June 2011 he was UN Special Representative for Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). From 2006 to 2008 he was Coordinator for CFSP and ESDP (now CSDP) in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dealing inter alia with EU foreign policy issues and with Italy's participation in EU operations, both civilian and military. From 2002 to 2006, he was the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE, focused on political-military issues, as well as crisis management, and responsible for managing the OSCE's field operations. Previous senior positions include Representative of Italy to the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague (2000-2002), Chairperson of the negotiations on the adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (1998-1999) and Head of Disarmament, Arms Control and Cooperative Security at NATO (1991-1997).

Previously, he served in Rome, Abu Dhabi and Vienna, mainly specializing in multilateral and security affairs. He has authored several publications on security, conflict prevention and crisis management issues.

He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, the Advisory Board of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the EU ISS Board of Directors. He is currently President of the Centre for International Negotiation and Mediation of the University of Gorizia, Italy.

Zannier holds a law degree and an honorary degree in International and Diplomatic Sciences from the University of Trieste, Italy. He was awarded the distinction of Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold with Star for services to the Republic of Austria and Grand Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau by the Government of the Netherlands.

### **Mr. Harlem Désir (Opening remarks)**

Harlem Désir (France) was appointed as the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media on 18 July 2017 for a period of three years. Prior to this position, Désir was French Minister of State for European Affairs, attached to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, since April 2014.

Harlem Désir was a Member of the European Parliament for three consecutive terms from 1999 to 2014. He was a member of the Committee on Industry, Energy and Research, the Employment and Social Affairs and the Committee on Development. He was also Vice-President of the Delegation for relations with the United States (2002-2004), member of the Joint ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly (2002-2009) and member of the Delegation for relations with India (2009-2014). Désir served as Vice-President of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009 and as First Secretary of the French Socialist Party from 2012 to 2014.

In October 1984, Harlem Désir co-founded the French not-for-profit association “SOS Racisme”, whose objective is to fight against racism, anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination. In 1989, he also co-founded the international federation of “SOS Racisme”. Désir was President of both “SOS Racisme” France and of the eponymous international federation.

Harlem Désir holds a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the Paris I Sorbonne University. He has been awarded the Olof Palme Prize (Sweden, 1990) and the Grand Cross of the Order of the Phoenix (Greece, 2016).

### **Ms. Marietta Tidei (Opening remarks)**

Marietta Tidei (Italy) was elected OSCE PA Vice-President at the 26th Annual Session in Minsk, having previously served as Rapporteur of the Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment. She was elected Rapporteur at the 2014 Annual Session in Baku and was re-elected at the 2015 Annual Session in Helsinki.

She is a member of the OSCE PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Moldova and serves as Vice-Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration. She is also on the Sub-Committee on the Rules of Procedure. Tidei is also a seasoned election observer and has acted as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observer missions for the 2015 elections in Tajikistan and the 2016 elections in Kazakhstan. She led the OSCE PA delegation of observers to the 2014 elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2016 elections in the Russian Federation, and 2017 elections in Albania.

Elected to her national parliament in 2013, Tidei is active in the Parliamentary Committee for the Procedures of Charge and the Commission of Foreign Affairs and Community. She is from Rome and is a member of the Democratic Party.

### **Ms. Lyudmila Alekseeva (Video statement)**

Lyudmila Alekseeva is a prominent Russian human rights defender who dedicated all her life to the protection of human rights, and one of the founding members of the Moscow Helsinki Group in 1976.

Due to her active human rights work, she was forced to emigrate from the USSR in 1977 and settle in the United States where she led radio programmes on human rights and authored a manual on Soviet dissent which later became the monograph "History of Dissent in the USSR. Modern Period", published in 1984. She returned to Russia in 1993 and in 1996 she was elected as the chairperson of the Moscow Helsinki Group. From 1998 to 2004 she served as President of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights. In 2002, she was included in the Commission on Human Rights under the President, which in 2004 was transformed into the Promotion of Civil Society Institutions and Human Rights Council under the President of Russia. She later left it on grounds of disagreements with the policy of the formation of the council. In 2015 she was re-included by presidential decree in the Human Rights Council. She is a member of the Public Council

under the Russian Interior Ministry, the Public Advisory Council at the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation.

Lyudmila Alekseeva is the author of more than a hundred works on human rights issues and has received multiple awards for her human rights work.

**Ms. Claudia Luciani (High-level Panel)**

Based in Strasbourg, Claudia Luciani is the Director of Democratic Governance in the Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe. Her fields of activity include democracy and anti-discrimination issues.

Claudia Luciani worked in the Directorate General of Political Affairs for a number of years as Director of Political Advice and Co-operation. She was appointed Director of Democratic Governance in September 2012. Her work goes directly to the challenges of democracy on the continent and their impact on European citizens.

The work of Claudia Luciani's Directorate focuses notably on fighting discrimination based on Council of Europe standards and policies in a pro-active manner; ensuring an equal application of European standards across Council of Europe membership and by looking at the critical interaction between different levels of governance (local, regional, national); managing the increasing diversity of our society in an harmonious manner fully respectful of fundamental rights and freedoms; looking at the wider implications of democratic principles and practices in relation to democratic transition processes outside Europe through the World Forum for Democracy.

**Mr. Jonathan Cohen (High-level Panel)**

Jonathan joined Conciliation Resources in December 1997 and developed its Caucasus programme. In September 2008 he became Director of Programmes overseeing all Conciliation Resources' regional programmes and was appointed Executive Director in May 2016.

Previously he was deputy director of the Foundation on Inter-Ethnic Relations in The Hague, working with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Before that he worked for International Alert and the Peace Research Institute Oslo.

He has been a board member of the DFID / CAF Partnerships in the Non-Profit Sector Programme for Russia; acted as a consultant to United Nations Volunteers, the Heinrich Boell Foundation, the Berghof Foundation and taught at the London School of Economics. Jonathan has degrees from the universities of Bristol, London and Oxford. Languages other than English: Russian.

**Ms. Annabelle Chapman (Moderator of High-level Panel)**

Annabelle Chapman is a Warsaw-based journalist writing for *The Economist* and other international publications. Previously based in Kyiv, she has reported widely from Central

and Eastern Europe. She is a winner of the Timothy Garton Ash prize for European writing. She holds a master's degree in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Oxford, where she was a Senior Scholar in Polish Studies at Hertford College.

**Ms. Katarzyna Gardapkhadze (Technical information)**

Ms. Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, the First Deputy Director of ODIHR is responsible for managing the operations of the ODIHR, overseeing the preparation, co-ordination and implementation of the activities of the Election, Democratization, Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Programmes and of the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, as well as formulation of the ODIHR public message. Ms. Gardapkhadze is an expert in management, strategic planning and capacity-building, with thematic expertise in human and children rights and social welfare, and more than 20 years of professional experience from Poland, the United States, Western Balkans, South Caucasus and Central Asia. Prior to her current appointment, she was the Head of ODIHR's Human Rights Department, and had earlier supported setting up ODIHR civil society program in Ukraine and developing and institutionalizing a system of project monitoring and evaluation in the Office. Trained in conflict resolution and mediation, in 2003-2011, Ms. Gardapkhadze served as the director of conflict resolution, human rights and child/social welfare reform programs in the South Caucasus, with advisory and capacity-building roles in similar programs in Central Asia. In 2000 – 2002, she led programs focused on human rights, minorities and inter-ethnic dialogue in Western Balkans. Fluent in Polish, English and Russian, Ms. Gardapkhadze holds a Master's Degree in social sciences.

**WORKING SESSION 1:**

**3–6 p.m.**

**Working session 1: Fundamental freedoms I, including:**  
– **Freedom of expression, free media and information**

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**Mr. Frane Maroević (Moderator)**

Director of the Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, Frane Maroević began his career at the OSCE in 2010 as the Deputy Head of Press and Public Information. Before joining the OSCE he was the Director of Communications for the High Representative and EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the Spokesperson for the European Commission in Bosnia and Herzegovina and a journalist with the BBC World Service in London.

**TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**WORKING SESSION 2**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Fundamental freedoms I (continued), including:**

- **Freedom of peaceful assembly and association**
- **National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights**

**Ms. Milena Costas Trascasas (Introducer)**

Milena Costas Trascasas is a human rights law expert, currently working as a consultant for the UN. Since May 2016, Ms. Costas Trascasas has been a member of the ODIHR Panel of Experts on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly. From 2013 to 2015 she worked as a Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. She was the main researcher in a project dealing with social protests and the use of force by law enforcement officials and in this context she was in charge of organizing a series of regional expert meetings. Before, she was Research Fellow at the Universidad Jaume I of Castellón where she carried out research and coordinated a collaborative project on armed conflict, peacekeeping and transitional justice funded by the European Commission and involving five European Research Centres. Previously, she was postdoctoral researcher at the Università degli Studi di Milano, lectured in several other universities, and worked as legal adviser for the human rights division of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Milena holds a PhD in Public International Law from the University Complutense of Madrid. Her doctoral thesis dealt with the situations of internal violence



and analysed the interplay between human rights and international humanitarian law. As a member of the Centre for International Humanitarian Law Studies of the Spanish Red Cross, she has regularly participated in the training of the police, the military, humanitarian personnel, NGOs and journalists.

**Ms. Danuta Przywara (Introducer)**

Danuta Przywara has been a co-founder of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights since 1989, and Chair of the Board of the Helsinki Foundation for Fundamental Rights since 2008. Before that, Ms. Przywara was employed at the Institute of Psychology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. In the 1980s, she was a mediator with the Mazowsze Region Mediation Committee of the Solidarity Trade Union. Since 1982, she has been a member of the Helsinki Committee in Poland and the co-author of several of its reports.

**Mr. Omer Fisher (Moderator)**

Omer Fisher is Head of the Human Rights Department of ODIHR. Mr. Fisher joined ODIHR in 2010 as the Human Rights Advisor, working primarily on freedom of peaceful assembly. Previously, he worked at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London as Researcher on the Balkans and as Senior Research Policy Advisor, developing and advising on human rights monitoring and fact finding methodologies. Omer Fisher holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK and a degree in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

**WORKING SESSION 3**

**3–6 p.m.**

**Democratic institutions, including:**

- **Democracy at the national, regional and local levels**
- **Democratic elections**

**Mrs. Ivilina Verginova Aleksieva-Robinson (Introducer)**

Mrs. Robinson has been a Chair of the Central Election Commission (CEC) since March 2014. Before that she was Executive Director of the Institute of Modern Politics – a non-profit organization, which works in the field of monitoring the legislation according to the principles of transparency, publicity, accountability and civil participation in decision making. She was an advisor to the Minister of Emergency Situations; a lawyer; a member of the CEC (2005). Her professional experience includes advising NGOs working in the field of human rights protection and good governance. Mrs. Robinson is an author of analyzes and proposals for new/ amendments of the electoral legislation. She participated in Civil Councils to the Parliament Committees for the preparation of the Election Code now in force; in round tables and discussions on electoral matters; in preparation of statements on conducting of the presidential elections 2011 for Constitutional Court cases and others. At present Mrs. Robinson is a President of the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO).

**Mr. Sergei Danilenko (Introducer)**

Sergei Danilenko is Chief of Staff of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation. He served as a member of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation with consultative vote in 2007-2011. Prior to that, from 1999 to 2003 he was a member of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation.

**WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**WORKING SESSION 4**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Specifically selected topic: Ensuring equal enjoyment of rights and equal participation in political and public life**

**Dr. Dimitrina Petrova**

Dr. Dimitrina Petrova is the co-founder of the UK-based Equal Rights Trust, where, from 2006 to 2016, she served as Executive Director. From 1996 till 2006, she was the founding Executive Director of the European Roma Rights Centre, a Budapest-based international human rights organization recognized for its pioneering work on racial equality. There, she led a team of lawyers and advocates to landmark court victories in over 20 cases before the European Court of Human Rights and hundreds of cases in other international and national jurisdictions. Dr. Petrova worked as a consultant for the UN OHCHR, Human Rights Watch, the World Bank and IHFHR, among others, and served as advisor to the President of Bulgaria. She was also a member of the Bulgarian Parliament (1990-1991) and in that role she was involved in the drafting of the 1991 Constitution. Dr. Petrova has taught at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest and at the Kliment Okhridiski University in Sofia and is currently a Fellow at the University of Essex. She has published extensively on human rights, equality, democracy, politics, and social sciences, and holds a PhD from the University of Sofia.

**Dr. Marcin Walecki (Moderator)**

Dr. Walecki possesses over 20 years of democracy assistance and governance experience working in more than 40 countries around the world. He also presents regularly at international conferences, seminars, and has written for numerous publications on democratization, political corruption, political financing, elections, political parties, gender equality and good governance. A Polish citizen, Walecki holds a doctorate of philosophy in politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and a master's in Law from the Department of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. He is a former Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy and a board member of the International Political Science Association Research Committee on Political Finance and Political Corruption.

**WORKING SESSION 5**

**3-6 p.m.**

**Specifically selected topic: Ensuring equal enjoyment of rights and equal participation in political and public life (continued)**

**Ms. Şafak Pavey (Introducer)**

Şafak Pavey is a Turkish parliamentarian representing Istanbul for the Social Democrat Party (CHP). She is currently also serving at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, and until 2017 was an independent human rights expert at the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Ms. Pavey is known for her work in the field of peace-building, security and humanitarian aid, with a background embracing diplomacy and politics. Previously, she served as the Deputy Speaker of Turkish Parliament and vice-chair of Turkey-EU Accession Committee. Prior to winning a parliamentary seat in 2011, she worked for the UN Human Rights and UN Refugee Agency at headquarters and on humanitarian missions in the Middle East, Southwest Asia and Central Europe. Ms. Pavey holds a BSc in international relations and a post-graduate degree from the London School of Economics, and has published three books. In 2012, Pavey was honoured with 'International Woman of Courage Award' by former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and First Lady Michelle Obama and 2014 'Secularist of the Year Award' by British National Secular Society. She was selected as a 2015 Young Global Leader by World Economic Forum and 2016 Munich Young Leader by Koerber Stiftung for Munich Security Conference.

**Mr. Dastan Bekeshev (Introducer)**

Dastan Bekeshev is a Member of National Parliament (Jogorku Kenesh) of Kyrgyz Republic for V and VI convocations. Currently he is Deputy Chairman of Economic and Fiscal policy committee in Jogorku Kenesh. He is also a member of Kyrgyz Association of the Blind and Deaf and co-founder of the political party "Ak-Niet." After finishing the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University named after Boris Yeltsin, specialty "lawyer", Dastan Bekeshev started his career in 2006 in the Office of the State Tax Service of Pervomaisky district of Bishkek. In 2007-2010 he worked in the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic.

**Ms. Henriett Dinok (Introducer)**

Ms. Dinok is a young lawyer and political scientist of Roma origin from Hungary, with an extensive background in Roma participation, especially in the case of women and youth. Currently Ms. Dinok is Executive Director of Romaversitas Foundation, the first Hungarian foundation supporting young Roma. Ms. Dinok received her Juris Doctor degree at the Karoli Gaspar Calvinist University, Master degree in Political Science at Central European University and her PhD in Law from the University of Szeged, all in Hungary.

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## **THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017**

### **WORKING SESSION 6**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

#### **Fundamental freedoms II, including:**

- **Freedom of thought, conscience, religion, or belief**

### **Rev. Rusudan Gotsiridze (Introducer)**

Rusudan Gotsiridze is a Bishop of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia and a notable women's rights and gender equality activist. She was the first female Baptist bishop in Georgia. Rusudan has advocated against gender violence and for women's equality, and created interfaith dialogues to advance freedom of religion or belief for all in Georgia, with a particular focus on religious minorities. She spoke at the 6th United Nations Forum on Minority Issues in 2013 about the situation of religious minorities in Georgia. In 2014, Rusudan received the 2014 International Women of Courage award.

### **Ms. Asma T. Uddin (Introducer)**

Asma T. Uddin is the director of strategy for the Center on Islam and Religious Freedom (CIRF). She is also the founder and editor-in-chief of almuslimah.com and a research fellow at the Berkley Center. Prior to joining CIRF, Uddin served as counsel with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a non-profit law firm specializing in religious freedom cases in the United States and abroad. Her scholarly work has been published by numerous law reviews and prominent university presses; she guest-edited a special issue of the Review of Faith & International Affairs and is co-editing a forthcoming book of essays by women who have faced religious persecution. She also serves on the ODIHR Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief and the advisory council for the Institute for Global Engagement's Center for Women, Faith & Leadership. Uddin is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, where she was a staff editor at the University of Chicago Law Review.

**Mr. Omer Fisher (Moderator)**

Omer Fisher is Head of the Human Rights Department of ODIHR. Mr. Fisher joined ODIHR in 2010 as Human Rights Advisor, working primarily on freedom of peaceful assembly. Previously, he worked at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London as Researcher on the Balkans and as Senior Research Policy Advisor, developing and advising on human rights monitoring and fact finding methodologies. Omer Fisher holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK and a degree in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

**WORKING SESSION 7**

**3-6 p.m.**

**Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:**

- **Combating racism, xenophobia, and discrimination**
- **Combating anti-Semitism and intolerance and discrimination against Christians, Muslims and members of other religions**
- **Prevention and responses to hate crimes in the OSCE area**

**Mr. Mohammed Kozbar (Introducer)**

Mohammed Kozbar is the Chairman of the Finsbury Park Mosque, one of the most prominent Islamic centers in the United Kingdom, and the vice president of the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB). He is a member of the Islington Faiths Forum representing the Muslim Community in North London and a regular IB Times UK columnist. He also sits on the diversity panel of the ITV London news. Mohammed holds a Master's degree in Charity Management from St. Mary's University.

**Ms. Anna Chipczyńska (Introducer)**

Anna Chipczyńska is the President of the Jewish Community of Warsaw, the regional official institutional representative of the Jewish people. She holds degrees in international relations from Warsaw University and Central European University in Budapest (Open Society Institute Fellowship) and a graduate degree in law from BPP Law School in London. In 2003-2004 she was a research fellow at the Department of Political Science of Tel Aviv University. She worked, among others, for the Polish Humanitarian Action and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. She is also a member of the Founders' Assembly of the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland and a member of the Council and the Religious Council of the Union of Jewish Communities in Poland.

**Ms. Cristina M. Finch (Moderator)**

Cristina M. Finch currently serves as the Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department at ODIHR. She is the former managing director of the Identity and Discrimination Unit at Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) and adjunct law professor at George Mason University School of Law. At AIUSA, Ms. Finch focused on women's and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) human rights; economic, social and cultural rights; and multilateral issues. Prior to joining AIUSA in October 2009, she served as senior counsel to the Human Rights Campaign where she focused on the issue of hate crime. Before HRC, she served as legislative counsel to U.S. Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL); as house legal counsel to the National Congress of the Republic of Palau; and as a litigation associate practicing contract and tort law at a law firm focusing on civil claims. She has testified on legal and policy issues before the UN Human Rights Council, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the World Bank and the U.S. Congress and is a featured expert on the Women's Media Center's SheSource. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Finch worked for U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia (D-MI). She holds a JD from George Mason University, and a BA from the University of Michigan.

## **FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2017**

### **WORKING SESSION 8**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Specifically selected topic: Tolerance and non-discrimination**

### **Ms. Karoline Fernández de la Hoz (Introducer)**

Karoline Fernández de la Hoz is the Director of the Spanish Centre for Racism and Xenophobia (OBERAXE) at the Secretary General for Immigration and Emigration of the Ministry of Employment and Social Security of Spain, since March 2015. She is a medical epidemiologist by training, and has served in different positions related to international matters in national and EU institutions. As Director of OBERAXE she is responsible for collecting and analyzing information on racism and xenophobia in Spain to provide information for action; promoting the principle of equal treatment and non-discrimination and the fight against racism and xenophobia; and collaborating and coordinating with public and private, national and international institutions related to the prevention and fight against racism and xenophobia.

### **Mr. Fiyaz Mughal (Introducer)**

Fiyaz Mughal is the Founder and Director of Faith Matters ([www.faith-matters.org](http://www.faith-matters.org)) which works on reducing extremism and developing platforms for discourse and interaction between Muslim, Sikh, Christian and Jewish communities across the United Kingdom. He also founded the national hate crime project, TELL MAMA and was the Director of this nationally recognized faith hate crime reporting project from 2011-2016. He set up the reporting procedures and the classifications of incidents, has lobbied Central Government, Police and Crime Commissioners, members of parliament and EU stakeholders, and

successfully implemented a national reporting in process. Fiyaz is also the Founder of the national No2H8 Crime Awards which recognizes individuals & organizations working against hatred & intolerance.

Fiyaz Mughal was honoured as an Officer of the British Empire for his work with communities in 2009 and has been a councillor for 6 years, in both Oxford and the London Borough of Haringey. He has also been working on programmes at a local, national and international level on countering extremism and was initially part of the Extremism Task Force convened after the 7/7 terrorist bombings in London in 2005.

As the Founder and Director of Faith Matters and TELL MAMA, Fiyaz Mughal has been regularly featured on mainstream TV, cable and print media sources and has therefore set up the equivalent of the Community Security Trust for the reporting of anti-Muslim hate.

**Ms. Cristina M. Finch (Moderator)**

Cristina M. Finch currently serves as the Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department at ODIHR. She is the former managing director of the Identity and Discrimination Unit at Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) and adjunct law professor at George Mason University School of Law. At AIUSA, Ms. Finch focused on women's and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) human rights; economic, social and cultural rights; and multilateral issues. Prior to joining AIUSA in October 2009, she served as senior counsel to the Human Rights Campaign where she focused on the issue of hate crime. Before HRC, she served as legislative counsel to U.S. Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL); as house legal counsel to the National Congress of the Republic of Palau; and as a litigation associate practicing contract and tort law at a law firm focusing on civil claims. She has testified on legal and policy issues before the UN Human Rights Council, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the World Bank and the U.S. Congress and is a featured expert on the Women's Media Center's SheSource. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Finch worked for U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia (D-MI). She holds a JD from George Mason University, and a BA from the University of Michigan.

**WORKING SESSION 9**

**3-6 p.m.**

**Specifically selected topic: Tolerance and non-discrimination  
(continued)**

**Ms. Sarah Soyei (Introducer)**

Sarah Soyei is an executive director of EqualiTeach ([www.equaliteach.co.uk](http://www.equaliteach.co.uk)), a not-for-profit equality and diversity training and consultancy organisation, working in educational settings across the United Kingdom. Sarah has been working in the field of human rights and equality in education for over 14 years. She has overseen the development and delivery of educational programmes which have been delivered to over 300,000 young people and works in partnership with senior leaders to ensure schools effectively promote equality and tackle discrimination, creating inclusive settings where every pupil is able to achieve. Sarah

has written extensively on human rights issues, including contributing to the international guidelines on countering intolerance towards Muslims with UNESCO and ODIHR; co-writing 'Universal Values' - a values education resource for teachers for the teachers' union The NASUWT; and publishing research into the barriers to tackling racism in England's schools for educational charity Show Racism the Red Card.

**Mr. Mark Weitzman (Introducer)**

Mark Weitzman is Director of Government Affairs for the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) and the Chief Representative of the SWC to the United Nations in New York. Mr. Weitzman is a member of the official United States delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) where he is the past chair of the Committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial. He spearheaded IHRA's recent adoption of the "Working Definition of Antisemitism", which is the first definition of antisemitism with any formal status, and was the lead author of the "Working Definition of Holocaust Denial and Distortion" which has also been adopted by the 31 member countries of the IHRA. He co-chairs the Working Group on International Affairs of the Global Forum on Antisemitism and is a participant in the program on Religion and Foreign Policy of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Weitzman is a winner of the 2007 National Jewish Book Award for best anthology for *Antisemitism, the Generic Hatred: Essays in Memory of Simon Wiesenthal* which he co-edited and contributed to and which has appeared in French, Spanish and Russian editions.

**Mr. Larry Olomofe (Moderator)**

Mr. Larry Olomofe runs ODIHR's portfolio on racism and xenophobia and intolerance against Christians and other religions, providing advice to various participating States and other stakeholders on issues such as intolerance against Christians, racism, xenophobia, discrimination, hate incidents and hate crimes across the OSCE region. He also coordinates and provides trainings for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and civil society organizations on responding to and prevention of hate crimes and European and domestic anti-discrimination law across the OSCE region. Prior to his OSCE work, Larry Olomofe was employed as the Human Rights Education Director and Trainer at the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) in Budapest, Hungary, and was an associate professor offering courses on nationalism, social theory, race and racism, political science and international human rights at the Universities of San Francisco, Budapest, Pecs, and the Institute for Social and European Studies in Szombathely, Hungary. He has also written a series of articles on the topics of Roma rights, race and racism, hate crimes, cultural theories of race and ethnicity and modern identities, and contemporary human rights education and development issues/challenges.

**MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**WORKING SESSION 10**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**



**Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:**

- **Rights of persons belonging to national minorities**
- **Roma and Sinti issues, including implementation of the OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti**
- **Preventing aggressive nationalism, racism and chauvinism**

**Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris (Introducer)**

Ilze Brands Kehris is Senior Research Fellow at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights at Lund University and a member of the UN Human Rights Committee (2017-2020). From February 2011 until August 2014 she was the Director of the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, after which she spent September 2014-August 2016 as Visiting Scholar at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York. She was previously a member of the Advisory Committee of the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and served as the First Vice-President of that Committee from June 2006 until June 2010. In the EU context, she was the independent member from Latvia of the Management Board of the EU Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC), where she was elected Vice-Chairperson from 2004 to 2007. She was a member of the Management Board of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) since its inception and was its Chairperson from December 2009 until July 2012. With background in political science, her fields of academic and policy expertise are minority rights, fundamental rights and their relation to conflict prevention. She is a member of several related independent institutions' boards and scientific committees. At the national level, she was Director of the Latvian Centre for Human Rights from November 2002 to February 2011, where her work focused on rights of persons belonging to national minorities, citizenship, anti-discrimination, hate crime and racism, fundamental freedoms and civil and political rights.

**Dr. Iulius Rostas (Introducer)**

Dr. Rostas is a scholar and political scientist of Roma origin who has co-operated extensively with the OSCE, and with a record of research and publications on the topic of strategic frameworks for Roma integration, including analysis commissioned by the European Commission. He earned both his BA and PhD at Babes–Bolyai University in Cluj, Romania. In 2001, he received an MA in human rights from Department of Legal Studies at Central European University, with his dissertation titled “Post-communism and Ethnic Minorities: Policies Towards Roma in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania.” Mr. Rostas worked as a director of the Roma programs of the Open Society Institute, International Advocacy Coordinator with the European Roma Rights Centre and expert for the Government of Romania—Department for Protection of National Minorities. He advocated for Roma school desegregation in Central and Eastern Europe and provided technical assistance and capacity building to NGOs and governments in the region.

**Mr. William Romans (Moderator)**

William Romans has worked as a Senior Legal Adviser to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities since 2013. Prior to that he worked in Prishtinë/Priština, first as Chief of the Human Rights Section in the OSCE Mission to Kosovo, and subsequently, as Human Rights Expert with EULEX-Kosovo. He also worked as Senior Legal Officer to the Trial Chambers at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and as Judgement Coordinator at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. He holds degrees in law from universities in Scotland and South Africa, and is appointed as an attorney-at-law in the State of New York.

**WORKING SESSION 11**

**3–6 p.m.**

**Humanitarian issues and other commitments:**

- **Combating trafficking in human beings**
- **Refugees and displaced persons**
- **Persons at risk of displacement**

**Amb. Madina Jarbussynova (Introducer)**

Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova of Kazakhstan is the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, and represents the OSCE at the political level in anti-trafficking issues. She took office in September 2014. From June 2012 to August 2014 she served as the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine. She was Ambassador-at-Large for Kazakhstan from 2009-2011, including during Kazakhstan's Chair-in Office in 2010. Previously, since 2008, she represented the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States at the SOS Kinderdorf International Senate in Vienna. She also previously was a member of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Advisory Board and a member of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development Board. From 1999 to 2003, she was her country's Permanent Representative at the United Nations. Prior to this, from 1998 to 1999 she served as the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

**Mr. Yonous Muhammadi (Introducer)**

Forced to leave Afghanistan in 1997, during his final semester of medical college, Mr. Muhammadi stayed in Pakistan and then Iran where he worked for 13 years to support refugees, always with the hope of returning to Afghanistan. He returned in 2000 to continue his education and has fought for democracy and women rights in his homeland. Mr. Muhammadi was arrested and jailed by the Taliban. He escaped and became refugee again. When it became clear that he could not return to his country, he continued to Turkey and then Greece, where he arrived in 2001 and was recognized as a political refugee. He actively participated in the creation of the Afghan Community in Greece, of which he was elected president from 2009 to 2013.

Through his work, Mr. Muhammadi pursued the need to unite refugee communities; in 2010 he helped to found a refugee network, the Greek Forum of Refugees, which strives to promote cooperation between refugee communities. Elected as President of GFR in 2013, he is active in providing everyday support for refugees, as well as working to advocate for their rights across Greece and beyond. He is also committed to defending women's rights and serves as an ambassador for White Ribbon, one of the world's largest campaigns to end violence against women. In 2015 he was elected as a bureau member of the European Migration Forum in Brussels and in 2016 as a member of the National Council against Racism of the Ministry of Justice. In 2016, Mr. Muhammadi's work and commitment was honored by Human Rights Watch, when he was awarded the «Alison Des Forges» Award for Extraordinary Activism.

### **Mr. Omer Fisher (Moderator)**

Omer Fisher is Head of the Human Rights Department of ODIHR. Mr. Fisher joined ODIHR in 2010 as Human Rights Advisor, working primarily on freedom of peaceful assembly. Previously, he worked at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London as Researcher on the Balkans and as Senior Research Policy Advisor, developing and advising on human rights monitoring and fact finding methodologies. Omer Fisher holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK and a degree in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

## **TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2017**

### **WORKING SESSION 12**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

#### **Rule of law I, including:**

- **Prevention of torture**
- **Exchange of views on the question of abolition of capital punishment**
- **Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism**

### **Dr. Mykola Gnatovskyy (Introducer)**

Dr. Mykola Gnatovskyy holds LL.M. (1999) and Ph.D. (2002) in International Law from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. Since 2002, he has been teaching public international law at the Institute of International Relations of the same University, specializing in international humanitarian and human rights law, as well as international criminal law. He is a member of editorial boards of international legal journals published in Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Romania, Russia, and the UK. Since 2009 he has been a member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), and its 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President in 2013-2015. He was elected as President of the CPT in March 2015 (re-elected in March 2017). As an independent consultant, Dr. Gnatovskyy has been involved in many projects implemented

by the United Nations, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Council of Europe, International Committee of the Red Cross as well as a number of non-governmental organisations in various European and Asian countries. He also cooperates with Democracy Reporting International as a senior legal advisor for its project in Ukraine.

**Mr. Nadim Houry (Introducer)**

Nadim Houry is Human Rights Watch's director of terrorism and counterterrorism program. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, Houry served as deputy counsel for the Volcker Commission, where he spent more than a year conducting fact-finding missions in the Middle East as part of the United Nation's corruption inquiry into the Oil-for-Food Programme. An attorney by training, Nadim is fluent in Arabic and French.

**Ms. Katarzyna Gardapkhadze (Moderator)**

Ms. Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, the First Deputy Director of ODIHR is responsible for managing the operations of the ODIHR, overseeing the preparation, co-ordination and implementation of the activities of the Election, Democratization, Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Programmes and of the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, as well as formulation of the ODIHR public message. Ms. Gardapkhadze is an expert in management, strategic planning and capacity-building, with thematic expertise in human and children rights and social welfare, and more than 20 years of professional experience from Poland, the United States, Western Balkans, South Caucasus and Central Asia. Prior to her current appointment, she was the Head of ODIHR's Human Rights Department, and had earlier supported setting up ODIHR civil society program in Ukraine and developing and institutionalizing a system of project monitoring and evaluation in the Office. Trained in conflict resolution and mediation, in 2003-2011, Ms. Gardapkhadze served as the director of conflict resolution, human rights and child/social welfare reform programs in the South Caucasus, with advisory and capacity-building roles in similar programs in Central Asia. In 2000-2002, she led programs focused on human rights, minorities and inter-ethnic dialogue in Western Balkans. Fluent in Polish, English and Russian, Ms. Gardapkhadze holds a Master's Degree in social sciences.

**WORKING SESSION 13**

**3–6 p.m.**

**Rule of law II, including:**

- **Right to a fair trial**
- **Independence of the judiciary**
- **Democratic law-making**

**Mr. Nils Engstad (Introducer)**

Since 2000, Nils Engstad has been a judge at Hålogaland Court of Appeal, Norway, a court with general jurisdiction and composed of generalist judges. Engstad is also the chairman of the Finnmark Land Tribunal, a special court within the Norwegian court system set up as

a part of the process for clarification of land rights for the Sámi people and others in Finnmark County, the northernmost county in Norway. The judges carry out their work for the Land Tribunal on a part-time basis. Engstad has been a member of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) since 2004, elected President of the Council from 1 January 2016, and the President of the Norwegian Association of Judges. Prior to his appointment as a judge in 2000, Engstad worked as a private practicing lawyer. He has also been the head of department at the Norwegian Polar Institute, State Secretary at the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and an adviser to the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

### **Ms. Christine Hirst (Moderator)**

Christine Hirst joined ODIHR as Deputy Head of the Democratization Department in February 2016 following service in the OSCE Mission in Kosovo since August 2012. Before joining the OSCE, Ms. Hirst worked with a number of international agencies and international non-governmental organizations, including UNDP, CARE International, the Danish Refugee Council and the EastWest Institute. Prior to serving on field missions in the Western Balkans, Afghanistan and Georgia from 2002 onwards, Ms. Hirst worked for think tanks focusing on conflict and security in London, including Saferworld and the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response, and has published on aspects of peacebuilding and security. Ms. Hirst is a member of the Conflict Research Society and is a Scottish Global Forum Fellow. Born in the United Kingdom, she studied Law and English Literature, International Relations, and Conflict and Reconciliation Studies at the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics and Coventry University.

## **WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**WORKING SESSION 14**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Specifically selected topic: Economic, social and cultural rights as an answer to rising inequalities**

### **Dr. Hanna Machinska (Introducer)**

Dr. Hanna Machinska is a Polish lawyer and civil activist, expert in human rights and harmonization of Polish ecological law to EU law. She is Associate Professor (docent) at the Institute of Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law and Administration of Warsaw University. She has led many programmes on human rights, including seminars for judges on the European Convention on Human Rights (1992-2017). She was the Director of the Information Office of Council of Europe (2002-2010) and later (2011-2017) the Director of the Council of Europe Office in Warsaw, which replaced the CoE Information Office, as well as editor-in-chief of “Bulletin of the Information Office of the Council of Europe” (1992-2010). She also served as deputy Director of the Information and Documentation Centre on the Council of Europe, Warsaw University Centre for Europe (1991-2002). She was an expert at the Ministry of Justice (2008) and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2003), a

member of the Reflection Group participating in the Debate About Europe established by the President of Poland (2002), and a member of the Council for European Education at the Ministry of Education (1998). She was recently commissioned by the European Court of Human Rights to conduct a pilot project on reinforcing the effectiveness of the ECHR. She also authored a number of publications on human rights, including on the right to healthy environment and on respect for cultural rights in a modern and diverse society.

### **Dr. Marcin Walecki (Moderator)**

Dr. Walecki possesses over 20 years of democracy assistance and governance experience working in more than 40 countries around the world. He also presents regularly at international conferences, seminars, and has written for numerous publications on democratization, political corruption, political financing, elections, political parties, gender equality and good governance. A Polish citizen, Walecki holds a doctorate of philosophy in politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and a master's in Law from the Department of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. He is a former Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy and a board member of the International Political Science Association Research Committee on Political Finance and Political Corruption.

#### **WORKING SESSION 15**

**3-6 p.m.**

**Specifically selected topic: Economic, social and cultural rights as an answer to rising inequalities (continued)**

### **Dr. Anna Neistat (Introducer)**

Dr. Anna Neistat is Senior Director of Research at Amnesty International. She is responsible for leading and developing Amnesty International's global research agenda, as well as overseeing the organization's crisis response. She provides political and human rights analysis and expert advice on human rights to the International Secretariat and the movement as a whole, and represents Amnesty International in major internal and external fora.

Anna has been involved in human rights work for more than 18 years. She has conducted more than 60 investigations in conflict areas around the world, including Afghanistan, Chechnya, Ukraine, Haiti, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Yemen and Zimbabwe. Prior to joining Amnesty International she was Associate Director for Program at Human Rights Watch. Her work features in the film, E-Team documentary.

Anna has also worked for the "Echo of Moscow" radio station, the Open Society Institute, and the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies. She holds an LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School, a J.D. and Ph.D. in law, and an M.S. in history and philology. She is a member

of the New York State Bar and teaches at the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po.

**Mr. Pavel Chacuk (Moderator)**

Pavel Chacuk is the Deputy Head of the ODIHR Human Rights Department. He joined ODIHR in 2004 as the Human Rights Advisor, working on capacity building and human rights monitoring issues. Pavel Chacuk has also worked as a consultant and trainer for the OSCE, Council of Europe, UNDP and other organizations. He holds an MA degree in International Relations from Central European University (Budapest) and a law degree from Hrodna State University (Belarus).

**THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**WORKING SESSION 16**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Tolerance and non-discrimination I, 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 and children**

**Ambassador Melanne Verveer (Introducer)**

Ambassador Verveer most recently served as the first U.S. Ambassador for Global Women's Issues, a position to which she was nominated by President Obama in 2009. She played a leadership role in the Administration's development of the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. President Obama also appointed her to serve as the U.S. Representative to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. She also serves as the Special Representative on Gender Issues for the OSCE Chairmanship.

From 2000-2008, she was the Chair and Co-CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international NGO that she co-founded to invest in emerging women leaders. During the Clinton administration, she served as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady. She also led the effort to establish the President's Interagency Council on Women and co-authored "Fast Forward: How Women Can Achieve Power and Purpose" (2015). Ambassador Verveer has a B.S. and M.S. from Georgetown University and holds several honorary degrees. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission and serves on the Boards of the National Endowment for Democracy and the Atlantic Council, as well as the World Bank Advisory Council on Gender and Development. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Secretary of State's Award for Distinguished Service. In 2008, the President of Ukraine awarded her the Order of Princess Olga.

### **Ms. Sonja Licht (Introducer)**

Ms. Sonja Licht is the President of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE). She founded BFPE in 2003 in order to create an organization to continuously work on capacity building of people active in public life, primarily politicians. BFPE pays special attention to the empowerment of women, youth and minorities active in politics and civil society and is the principal organizer of the Belgrade Security Forum. Ms. Licht holds an MA in Socio-Cultural Anthropology from the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade. She was part of the Yugoslav dissident movement from the late sixties, and between 1991 and 1995 was the co-chair of the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly. From 1991 to 2003 she was the CEO of the Fund for an Open Society (Soros Foundation) in Yugoslavia (later Serbia). From its inception in July 1999, she was the head of the Task Force of the Bratislava Process (established to support the democratic opposition of Serbia), and member of the Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe in 2010 that authored the report: 'Living Together: Combining Freedom and Diversity in Europe of 21st Century'. Ms. Licht has received numerous awards, including the Pro Merit Medal of the Council of Europe, the Star of Italian Solidarity and the French Legion of Honour, and was a Richard von Weizsacker Fellow of the Robert Bosch Academy in 2015.

### **Ms. Gloria Atiba Davies (Introducer)**

Gloria Atiba Davies is currently the Head of the Gender and Children Unit (GCU) in the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court. With her professional training as a lawyer, she gained expertise working on issues of sexual and gender-based violence in her home country Sierra Leone where she started her legal practice as a State Prosecutor, raising to the level of Principal State Council and acted in the position of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and also in the Gambia, where she held the position of Deputy Director of Public Prosecutor. In her current job, she provides support to integrated Teams thus cutting across the different Divisions and situations/cases being investigated and prosecuted by the Office of the Prosecutor. Three of her focus areas are (1) Sexual and gender-based violence (2) Crimes against and affecting children and (3) issues relating to victims and witnesses. She is also involved in the development of policies, protocols and guidelines relevant to her focus areas, the Sexual and Gender-based Crimes Policy being one.

### **Ms. Amarsanaa Darisuren (Moderator)**

Ms. Amarsanaa Darisuren took up her function as the OSCE's Senior Adviser on Gender Issues on 13 March 2017. Ms. Darisuren is a gender equality advocate with extensive expertise on the implementation of international human rights norms and standards, in particular CEDAW. Prior to OSCE, she served as a regional human rights advisor for the UN Women Regional office for Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok. She specializes in the areas of law and policy reform, access to justice, gender-based violence, the economic and political empowerment of marginalized groups, and practical strategies for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women. She co-chaired the Inter-agency Task Force on Women, Peace and Security for Asia and the Pacific, facilitating work on



gender and climate change, gender and environment, ending violence against women and girls. Her portfolio also included programmes on promoting democratic governance, establishing human rights mechanisms in ASEAN and a broad range of other issues. Prior to UN Women, she worked with the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development where she supported national and international advocacy of women's movements working on gender equality. She has provided technical expertise to the UN Democracy Fund, UNDP, UNFPA and OHCHR. Ms. Darisuren holds an MA degree in Theory and Practice of Human Rights from the University of Essex, UK, and an MSc in biology-microbiology from Odessa State University, Ukraine.

**WORKING SESSION 17**

**3-6 p.m.**

**Fundamental Freedoms II, including:**

- **Freedom of movement**
- **Migrant workers and the integration of legal migrants**

**Ms. Olga Poalelungi (Introducer)**

Ms. Olga Poalelungi has been the Director of the Bureau for Migration and Asylum at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova since 2012.

She has over 20 years of overall experience working for the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the Constitutional Court and the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Moldova. Mrs. Poalelungi also worked as the coordinator of the programs on population and development at UNDP Moldova.

She is also an attorney and the scientific researcher. For a long time she has been engaged in research in the fields of demography, migration, and the integrated approach to human resource management.

Ms. Poalelungi is the author and the drafter of a number of laws and policies in the field of migration and asylum, including, in particular, such issues as ensuring the rights of migrants and their families, and on the stateless persons.

**Ms. Christine Hirst (Moderator)**

Christine Hirst joined ODIHR as Deputy Head of the Democratization Department in February 2016 following service in the OSCE Mission in Kosovo since August 2012. Before joining the OSCE, Ms. Hirst worked with a number of international agencies and international non-governmental organizations, including UNDP, CARE International, the Danish Refugee Council and the EastWest Institute. Prior to serving on field missions in the Western Balkans, Afghanistan and Georgia from 2002 onwards, Ms. Hirst worked for think tanks focusing on conflict and security in London, including Saferworld and the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response, and has published on aspects of

peacebuilding and security. Ms. Hirst is a member of the Conflict Research Society and is a Scottish Global Forum Fellow. Born in the United Kingdom in 1975, she studied Law and English Literature, International Relations, and Conflict and Reconciliation Studies at the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics and Coventry University.

## **FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2017**

### **WORKING SESSION 18**

**10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Discussion of human dimension activities (with special emphasis on project work)**

### **Mr. Luc Lietaer (Moderator)**

Luc Lietaer joined ODIHR as the Project Coordinator in the summer of 2013. He held several positions in the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina between 2006 and June 2013, the last one as Deputy Director for Operations in the Human Dimension Department. He worked extensively on strategic planning and was strongly involved in the Mission's transition to a more project management-based approach. Before joining the OSCE, Luc Lietaer worked for the Belgian NGO Balkanactie in Bosnia and Herzegovina focusing on capacity building of civil society and local government. He had an earlier career as a journalist in Belgium.

Lietaer, born in Bruges, holds a degree in Communication Sciences from the University of Leuven.

### **CLOSING REINFORCED PLENARY SESSION**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Closing reinforced plenary session (reinforced by the participation of human rights directors, OSCE ambassadors and heads of OSCE institutions)**

- **Any other business**
- **Closing of the meeting**

### **Ambassador Christian Strohal (Closing remarks)**

Ambassador Christian Strohal is an Austrian diplomat with a long career in multilateral work: currently he is serving as a Special Representative for the Austrian OSCE

Chairmanship 2017. Previously he has served as the Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, as well as in positions at the United Nations in Geneva, as Chairman of the Governing Bodies of the International Organization for Migration and Vice-President of the Human Rights Council.

Throughout his career, Strohal has consistently focused on human rights work; serving as the Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights from 2003 to 2008, as well as the Ambassador for the 1993 Vienna World Conference on Human Rights and the director for human rights at the Austrian Foreign Ministry.

**Mrs. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir (Chair/Opening remarks)**

Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir (Iceland) was appointed as Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights on 18 July 2017. Gísladóttir has 35 years of leadership experience working on human rights, democratic governance and the rule of law at the international, national and local levels. Before taking up the position of ODIHR Director, she served from 2014 as Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia and Country Representative to Turkey for UN Women. From 2011 to 2014 she was Country Representative of UN Women to Afghanistan.

From 2007 to 2009, Gísladóttir served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland. She was previously a Member of Parliament and Chairperson and Leader of the Social Democratic Alliance (2005 – 2009) and Mayor of the City of Reykjavik (1994 – 2003). Throughout her career, she has been involved in policy and development work in conflict and non-conflict countries, aimed at strengthening democratic institutions and human rights.

In the early years of her political career, in 1982, Gísladóttir was one of the founders of the Women's Party, laying the ground for Iceland's remarkable progress in gender equality.

Gísladóttir holds a Bachelor's degree in history and literature from the University of Iceland (1979), and pursued Post-graduate studies in history at the University of Copenhagen (1979 – 1981). In 2004 she was a Visiting Scholar at the European Institute, London School of Economics (LSE). She speaks English, French and Danish.