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**DECISION No. 1045
AGENDA FOR THE 2012 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

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

Further recalling the provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992, Chapter I and Chapter VI, paragraph (9),

Recalling also its Decision No. 1035 (PC.DEC/1035) of 22 March 2012 on the dates for the 2012 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) and Decision No. 1036 (PC.DEC/1036) of 22 March 2012 on the topics for the second part of the 2012 HDIM,

Decides to adopt the agenda for the 2012 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as set out in the annex.

AGENDA FOR THE 2012 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Warsaw, 24 September to 5 October 2012

Monday, 24 September 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1: Fundamental freedoms I, including:
- Freedom of expression, free media and information;
 - Address by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media.

Tuesday, 25 September 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Fundamental freedoms II, including:
- Freedom of assembly and association;
 - Freedom of movement;
 - National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights;
 - Human rights education.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 3: Humanitarian issues and other commitments, including:
- Migrant workers, the integration of legal migrants;
 - Refugees and displaced persons;
 - Treatment of citizens of other participating States.

Wednesday, 26 September 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 4: Rule of law I, including:
- Democratic lawmaking;
 - Independence of the judiciary;
 - Right to a fair trial.

- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 5: Rule of law II, including:
- Exchange of views on the question of abolition of capital punishment;
 - Prevention of torture;
 - Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism.

Thursday, 27 September 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 6 (specifically selected topic): Roma/Sinti and, in particular, empowerment of Roma women.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 7 (specifically selected topic): Roma/Sinti and, in particular, empowerment of Roma women (continued).

Friday, 28 September 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 8: Humanitarian issues and other commitments (continued), including:
- Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 9: 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.

Monday, 1 October 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 10 (specifically selected topic): Freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 11 (specifically selected topic): Freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief (continued).

Tuesday, 2 October 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 12 (specifically selected topic): Rights of persons belonging to national minorities, including:
- Address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;
 - National minorities;
 - Preventing aggressive nationalism, racism and chauvinism.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 13 (specifically selected topic): Rights of persons belonging to national minorities (continued).

Wednesday, 3 October 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 14: Tolerance and non-discrimination II: Review of the implementation of commitments on promotion of mutual respect and understanding:
- Prevention and responses to hate crimes in the OSCE area;
 - Combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions;
 - Combating anti-Semitism;
 - Combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 15: Democratic institutions, including:
- Democratic elections.

Thursday, 4 October 2012

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 16: Democratic institutions (continued), including:
- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels;
 - Citizenship and political rights.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 17: Discussion of human dimension activities (with special emphasis on project work), including:

- Presentation of activities of the ODIHR and other OSCE institutions and field operations to implement priorities and tasks contained in relevant OSCE decisions and other documents.

Friday, 5 October 2012

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.

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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 the Russian Federation:

“The delegation of the Russian Federation would like to make the following statement with regard to the adoption of a decision by the Permanent Council on the agenda for the 2012 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Russia, acting in the spirit of compromise, joined the consensus on this decision. However, we should like to reiterate our position that the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting should give balanced consideration to the whole range of commitments in this area, including the integral component of economic, social and cultural rights.

We consider it important, as enshrined in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of 1993, to treat human rights globally in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing, and with the same emphasis in view of their universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness.

We should like to request that this statement be attached to the decision adopted and that it be included in the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.”