

280th Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE 2000 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR****“CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT”**

(Warsaw, 23-26 May 2000)

I. AGENDA

1. Opening of the Seminar
2. Plenary: Keynote speech
3. Discussion in two Working Groups
4. Summing up and closure of the Seminar

II. TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

1. The Seminar will open in Warsaw on Tuesday, 23 May 2000 at 3 p.m.
It will close on Friday, 26 May 2000 at noon.
2. All Plenaries and the Working Groups will be open.
3. The closing Plenary, scheduled for Friday morning, will focus on practical suggestions for dealing with the issues and problems raised during the Working Groups.

Working Group 1: Addressing the situation of children during active armed conflict and immediately post-conflict

Topics may include:

- Detailed overview of the issues affecting children in active conflicts and immediately post-conflict;
- Relevant international standards and new initiatives;

- Addressing specific needs of war-affected children;
- Raising awareness and building local capacities for protection and advocacy;
- Making the protection and welfare of children part of peace agendas and international monitoring of peace settlements;
- Follow-up issues for the OSCE, including its field operations;
- International co-operation and partnerships.

Working Group 2: Addressing the longer-term needs of war-affected children - post-conflict and in frozen conflicts - (day a) and politico-military issues (day b)

The one-day sessions will be organized with the participation of politico-military experts from the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation.

Topics may include:

- Detailed overview of the long-term issues for war-affected children, including issues specific to frozen conflicts;
- Relevant international standards and new initiatives;
- International initiatives for protection and rehabilitation;
- Landmines and small arms: their impact on children;
- Raising awareness and building local capacities for protection, advocacy and rehabilitation;
- Follow-up issues for the OSCE, including its field operations;
- International co-operation and partnerships.

4. The Plenary and Working Group meetings will take place according to the Work Programme below.

5. An ODIHR representative will chair the Plenary meetings.

6. Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be applied at the Seminar.

7. Discussions will be interpreted into all six working languages of the OSCE.

WORK PROGRAMME

Working hours: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

	Tuesday 23 May 2000	Wednesday 24 May 2000	Thursday 25 May 2000	Friday 26 May 2000
Morning		WG 1 WG 2 (a)	WG 1 WG 2 (b)	PL (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
Afternoon	PL	WG 1 WG 2 (a)	WG 1 WG 2 (b)	

PL = Plenary Meeting
WG = Working Group