

**1111th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1218  
DATES OF THE 2016 HUMAN DIMENSION  
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING AND THE TOPICS FOR THE  
SECOND PART OF THE 2016 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:

1. That the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 19 to 30 September 2016;
2. To select the following topics for the second part of the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “The International Covenants on Human Rights and their Importance for the OSCE Human Dimension”, “Rights of the Child” and “Freedom of assembly and association”.

PC.DEC/1218  
28 July 2016  
Attachment 1

ENGLISH  
Original: RUSSIAN

**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:

“In joining the consensus regarding the approval of Warsaw as the venue for the 2016 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the Russian Federation proceeds from the understanding that all members of the official delegations of participating States and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) should be guaranteed unhindered access and the opportunity to participate fully in the work of the Meeting.

These obligations on the part of Poland as the host State and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights as the organizer of the Meeting stem from the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (2006) and the CSCE Helsinki Document (1992) regulating the participation of delegations of States and NGOs in OSCE events. The application of any national norms or European Union regulations restricting such participation is a direct and gross violation of OSCE commitments.

The attempts to restrict or hamper Russian participation in the Meeting that occurred in 2015 should not be repeated. In the event of any discrimination against Russian participants, the Russian Federation reserves the right to terminate its participation in the Meeting, not to consider its results as a basis for the elaboration of draft decisions for the forthcoming OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Hamburg and not to allow OSCE events to continue to be held in States practising discriminatory restrictions of this kind.

We also continue to take the position that the theme and organizational modalities of OSCE human dimension events, including the seminar and the three supplementary meetings, are to be considered as a package.

I request that this statement be appended to the decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day.”

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Attachment 2

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the adoption of the Decision on the Dates of the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the special topics for the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the United States would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States is pleased that consensus has been reached on the dates for the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM), which will be held, per agreed modalities, for two weeks in Warsaw. We are also pleased that consensus has been reached on the special topics for HDIM. We are concerned, however, by the amount of time it took to reach consensus, largely because of the actions of one participating State.

In preparation for HDIM, and to ensure optimal preparation by all participants, government and civil society representatives alike, we hope that all participating States will adopt the draft agenda as quickly as possible, and work together in a constructive manner in the lead-up to the event.

The United States looks forward to participating in HDIM, and plans to send a substantial and distinguished delegation to Warsaw in September and we hope all delegations will welcome open and robust participation by civil society representatives from across the OSCE region. We call upon all participating States to engage in good faith in the OSCE’s premiere human rights event, and to use HDIM to reflect upon the implementation of our common commitments regarding human rights and fundamental freedoms. We expect that all delegations will take part in HDIM according to the rules of procedure and in accordance with the specific modalities for the HDIM, which are contained in the Helsinki Document 1992, PC Decision No. 241 (1998), PC Decision No. 428 (2001), and PC Decision No. 476 (2002).

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

**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 Poland:

“In connection with the decision on Dates of the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the Topics for the Second Part of the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, Poland would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Chairperson,

Poland welcomes the adoption of the decision on Dates of the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the Topics for the second part of the 2016 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting. In this context, we wish to recall the provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992 and of the Permanent Council Decision No. 476 of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues stipulating that the ODIHR will organize a Human Dimension Implementation Meeting of all participating States, at its seat, to discuss implementation of OSCE human dimension commitments.

In carrying out its function of host State, Poland will continue to act in a manner analogous to the conduct of other participating States hosting the OSCE institutions. As stated on numerous instances at the Permanent Council, Poland upholds its full support for a broad participation of representatives of all OSCE participating States, Partners for Co-operation, and civil society, in accordance with the established OSCE and international practice.

We ask that this interpretative statement be attached to the adopted decision and the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”