



SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS: LEGISLATIVE, STATE AND NON-STATE ASPECTS

30-31 March 2006

To non-governmental organisations

Please find attached the agenda and general guidelines relating to the upcoming OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Human Rights Defenders and National Human Rights Institutions: Legislative, State and Non-State Aspects to be held at the Hofburg Congress Centre in Vienna on 30-31 March 2006. Additional information relevant to this Meeting can be found on ODIHR website at <http://www.osce.org/odihr>.

The main objective of this Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting is to review the role of human rights defenders and national human rights institutions in the protection and promotion of human rights, as well as to examine which legislative, state and non-state aspects influence their status and operation. The meeting will also seek to identify which of these aspects could be used as best practices in the OSCE region.

The meeting will focus on the following three areas:

- Human rights defenders in the OSCE region: challenges, obstacles and opportunities
- Synergies and co-operation between state organs, national human rights institutions and human rights defenders
- Human rights defenders: pertinent legislation and implementation of OSCE commitments

The conference attracts government officials, OSCE delegations, NGOs and civil society, regional and international organizations, and is therefore seen as an important forum for discussing cross-sectoral issues. For ODIHR it is a unique opportunity to put human rights issues on the political agenda.

NGOs whose activities directly relate to the topic of the Meeting and wish to attend are requested to register on-line for this event by Wednesday, 15 March 2006. We encourage NGOs to register on-line at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> if at all possible. Alternatively, you may return a completed NGO registration form by fax at + 48 22 250 06 03.

NGOs are invited to forward this information to other relevant actors in the given field.

Please note that participants can pick up their passes for the meeting venue in advance on Thursday, 30 March from 10.00 at the Hofburg Congress Centre in the main entrance hall.

NGOs may display information materials about their organisation on the tables in the lobby of the main meeting room. NGOs may also distribute documents during the Meeting by giving one copy of each document (maximum 3 pages in length) to staff of the Document Distribution Centre. NGOs are encouraged to participate actively in the Working Sessions while limiting their interventions to the specific issues at hand thereby contributing to a genuine discussion.

Unfortunately, the ODIHR is not in a position to provide any financial assistance for NGOs to participate in this Meeting. For your convenience please find attached a list of hotels in Vienna. NGOs are kindly requested to make their own hotel arrangements.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lydia Grigoreva, ODIHR Human Rights Officer at Lydia.Grigoreva@odihr.pl, Ms. Natalya Seitmuratova at Natalya.Seitmuratova@odihr.pl and Ms. Anna Sierant, Administrative Assistant at Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl or office@odihr.pl



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N G O R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

(You are encouraged to register via internet: <http://meetings.odihr.pl>)

Deadline for registration: Wednesday, 15 March 2006

1. Organization:

2. Surname: 3. First Name (s):

4. Position / Title:

5. Date of birth: 6. Citizenship:

7. Passport No.: Issued by:

8. Sex: Female Male

9. NGO's address:

Phone: Fax:

E-Mail:

Date: Signature:

NOTE: You are kindly requested to send this registration form duly completed to

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