



**SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING**

**DEMOCRATIZATION: STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY  
THROUGH EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION**

**2 – 3 November 2006  
HOFBURG, VIENNA**

**To non-governmental organisations**

Please find attached the agenda and general guidelines relating to the upcoming OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Democratization: Strengthening democracy through effective representation to be held at the Hofburg Congress Centre in Vienna on 2-3 November 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 examine and define the best approaches towards consolidating democratic practices through effective representation. Aspects of effective representation such as law-making, parliamentary practice and institutional development of political parties will be closely considered. The meeting will also seek to identify positive experiences in the OSCE region.

The meeting will focus on the following three areas:

- Empowerment of legislatures: A modern and democratic parliamentary infrastructure
- Political parties and parliamentary factions
- Transparency and access to legislative processes

The conference attracts government officials, OSCE delegations, NGOs, think-tanks and institutes, regional and international organizations, and is therefore seen as an important forum for discussing cross-sectoral issues.

NGOs whose activities directly relate to the topic of the Meeting and wish to attend are requested to register on-line **before 25 October 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, 2 November from 10.00 at the Hofburg Congress Centre in the main entrance hall.

NGOs may display information materials about their organization 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.

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