

**Statement**  
**by H.E.Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova**  
**at the closing session of the seminar**  
**“The role of political parties in the political process”**  
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**Ladies and gentlemen,**  
**Distinguished participants,**

As we are completing the human dimension event on the role of political parties in the political process, I would like to express sincere thanks to the Lithuanian Chairmanship and the ODIHR for the arrangement of this seminar.

The task of this event was to discuss vital issues on enhancement of the role of political parties within the mechanism of interaction of the state bodies and civil society, as well as to explore new opportunities to create and develop of political pluralism.

To this goal ODIHR invited a number of highly professional speakers and introducers who did their best to facilitate the discussions.

Many speakers have once again confirmed as it is stated in numerous CSCE and OSCE documents importance of political parties for a pluralistic democracy and a lasting order of peace, security, justice and cooperation.

I fully agree with H.E.Ambassador Janez Lenarcic (Director of ODIHR), who stated at the opening of this seminar that political parties should play the role of a “bridge” between civil institutions and state bodies. He also **expressed hope that active discussions will facilitate enhancement of political pluralism across the OSCE area.**

In this regard I have to state **with regret that exchange of views again has more than often deviated from the theme of the seminar.** We underline that not all the sessions were kept in line with the topic, we many times heard ungrounded blaming and shaming on the part of certain participants, despite they were called for a constructive dialogue. Some moderators have failed to focus attention of the speakers on the agenda issues.

Another point that causes our regret is poor representation at this seminar of the delegates from Western countries, both official and NGOs, as well as inactive participation in the discussions of those present. This fact contradicts the statements on the priority of human dimension in the OSCE activities. Not for the first time you witness that the biggest and most active delegations at the OSCE ODIHR events, including this seminar and the First SHDM taken place in April this year in Vienna, were from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. It is really sad to see half empty conference room here today. Same picture we saw in Hofburg in April.

Moreover, despite that the decision on the theme of the seminar was adopted by all OSCE participating states at its Permanent Council, and had to cover all OSCE region, we again with the exception of the last working group, have been focused mainly on Central Asian states. What are the causes behind this failure to establish full-fledged dialog? Frustration over the OSCE methods of work? Loss of confidence? Absence of interest to the topic proposed and approved?

This entails a recommendation to optimize the framework of the ODIHR events, squeeze this type of seminars to regional Central Asia meetings level that would save significant resources and allow to use them more efficiently for the purposes of common interests of all pS.

We strongly recommend ODIHR to take note our remarks and facilitate a real dialogue between all participating states in human dimension, otherwise it is just a waste of time, resources, as well as it might lead to undermining the work of the Organization in human dimension.

In conclusion I would like to reassure all the participants in strong and irreversible intentions of Kazakhstan to continue fruitful cooperation with the OSCE institutions to achieve our goal of democratic development.

Thank you for your attention.