

SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENT

**To take place during the
SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON:
“Promotion of Pluralism in the New Media”
7 - 8 July 2011**

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of OSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during OSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on OSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

Friday, 8 July

*Title: Media Pluralism and Human Rights
Convenor: Council of Europe
Commissioner for Human Rights
Time: 12.15 – 13.45
Venue: Segmentgalerie 1 – 1 floor
Language: English, Russian*

OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENT As submitted by the organizer Hofburg, Vienna

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Summary: The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Thomas Hammarberg, is organising a series of public events during 2011 to highlight the importance of freedom of expression and of the media for the protection of all other human rights.

At this side event, Miklós Haraszti, currently Adjunct Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York, will speak about media pluralism and human rights. Media pluralism is an essential part of democracy and freedom of the media. However, pluralism is not always a reality in media in Europe today. What are the main difficulties in protecting and promoting media pluralism? What can governments, legislators and others do?

The presentation will be followed by a commentary from the Commissioner and a discussion, with questions from the audience.

A light lunch will be provided