

**Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia
and Hate Crimes through Educational and Awareness-Raising Initiatives**

SIDE-EVENT

“Towards Tolerance in a New Decade”

**11 November, 12.00-14.00, Hofburg, Vienna
Segmentgaleria 1**

The commitments of the OSCE participating States in the area of tolerance and non-discrimination, and freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief are reflected in all key OSCE documents, including Helsinki Final Act, Charter of Paris for a New Europe and 1999 Charter for European Security.

Proceeding from these documents, the OSCE participating States recognize that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law is important in creating a context for intercultural, inter-religious and inter-ethnic understanding, and is at the core of the OSCE comprehensive concept of security, and that tolerance and non-discrimination are important elements in the promotion of human rights and democratic values.

Also proceeding from all previous OSCE Conferences on tolerance and non-discrimination the OSCE participating States recognize that manifestation of discrimination and intolerance threaten security of individuals and may give rise to a wider scale conflict and violence that undermine international stability and security. It is within this very view, President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev in his address at the Astana Summit on 1 December 2010 has called for the participating States to evolve the OSCE Document entitled as “Towards Tolerance in a New Decade”.

The purpose of this side-event is to provide for a discussion on the topic of evolvement of the OSCE Document entitled as “Towards Tolerance in a New Decade”, which would help devising and implementing effective policy measures aimed at preventing and responding to manifestations of racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, discrimination and intolerance, including against Christians, Muslims, members of other religions, Roma and Sinti, other ethnic and racial groups inter alia through legislation, law enforcement training, data collection and monitoring of hate crimes, education, media and constructive public discourse, the establishment of national institutions or specialized bodies, the development and implementation of national strategies and action plans in this field and the promotion of inter-ethnic and inter-cultural dialogue, including in its religious dimension.

The side-event is organized by the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on 11 November 2011 during Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Prevention of

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The agenda of Side-Event will include discussions on.

- Challenges in implementing OSCE commitments in the area of tolerance and non-discrimination
- Overview of implementation of the OSCE commitments in promoting tolerance and combating discrimination; transition from tolerance to recognition based on mutual respect and understanding.
- Legislation in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination, including the role of law enforcement in combating hate crimes. Education to promote mutual respect and understanding;
- Ways of evolvement of the OSCE Document: “Towards Tolerance in a New Decade”, which would help devising and implementing effective policy measures aimed at preventing and responding to manifestations of intolerance and discrimination.

Participants of the discussions will consider proposals and will yield conclusions and recommendations and through PC will submit them for the consideration of the MC in 2011 for adoption of a sufficient decision with regards to the evolvement of the comprehensive OSCE Document on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination.