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### DECISION No. 1223 AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2016 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

(Warsaw, 21–23 November 2016)

# Promoting effective and integral justice systems: how to ensure the independence and quality of the judiciary

## I. Agenda

- 1. Opening of the Seminar
- 2. Opening plenary: Keynote addresses
- 3. Discussion in two working groups:
- Working group I: Selection, promotion and training of judges: impact on judicial accountability and the integrity of the justice system
- Working group II: The role of civil society in observing judicial independence and accountability
- 4. Closing plenary: Summing up and closing of the Seminar

## **II.** Timetable and other organizational modalities

1. The Seminar will open on Monday, 21 November 2016, at 3 p.m. It will close on Wednesday, 23 November 2016, at 1 p.m.

2. All plenary sessions and working group sessions will be open to all participants.

3. The closing plenary session, scheduled for the morning of 23 November 2016, will focus on practical suggestions and recommendations for addressing the issues discussed during the working group sessions.

4. The plenary and working group sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme below.

5. A representative of the ODIHR will chair the plenary sessions.

6. The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues (Permanent Council Decision No. 476) will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Seminar. Furthermore, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.

7. The discussions during the plenary and working group sessions will be interpreted from and into the six working languages of the OSCE.

#### **III.** Work programme

Working hours: 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3–6 p.m.

	Monday 21 November 2016	Tuesday 22 November 2016	Wednesday 23 November 2016
Morning		Working group I	Closing plenary session
Afternoon	Opening plenary session	Working group II	