

**Chairmanship: Finland**

**1st DAY OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION  
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

**Opening plenary session**

1. Date: Monday, 29 September 2008  
  
Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Closed: 12.35 p.m.
  
2. Chairperson: Mr. T. Nordbo, First Deputy Director of the ODIHR
  
3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

*Opening statements*

- Ms. T. Tiilikainen, Secretary of State (Political), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
  
- Mr. P. Grudziński, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland
  
- Mr. M. Perrin de Brichambaut, Secretary General of the OSCE
  
- Mr. K. Vollebaek, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
  
- Mr. M. Haraszti, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Kazakhstan, France-European Union, Norway, Uzbekistan, United States of America, Belarus, Serbia, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan, Croatia

4. Next meeting:  
  
Monday, 29 September 2008, at 3 p.m., in the plenary hall

### **Working session 1 (open)**

1. Date: Monday, 29 September 2008  
  
Opened: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 6 p.m.
  
2. Chairperson: Ms. O. Trzaskalska-Stroińska (Ministry of Economy of Poland)  
(Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed — Statements:

#### RULE OF LAW I, INCLUDING

- Legislative transparency
- Independence of the judiciary
- Right to a fair trial
- Follow-up to the 14–16 May 2008 Human Dimension Seminar on Constitutional Justice

ODIHR, Moderator, Mr. J. McCluskey (Introducer) (Justice of the Supreme Court of Scotland), Kazakhstan, Greece (also on behalf of the European Union), Council of Europe, Tajik State National University, Independent Human Rights Group, United States of America, Human Rights Education Centre, Republican Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law, Freedom House, Turkmenistan Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, American Civil Liberties Union, Belarus, Tajik Juridical Consortium, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Public Foundation “Journalists in Troubles”, People’s Party “Alga!”, Civil Society Institute, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Armenia, Baltic Chechen Society, Slovakia

Right of reply: Azerbaijan, United States of America, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Belarus

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Tuesday, 30 September 2008, at 10 a.m., in the plenary hall