

Chairmanship: Lithuania

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(877th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Friday, 29 July 2011

Opened: 3.30 p.m.

Closed: 4 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 2011 HUMAN
DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1006 (PC.DEC/1006) on the agenda for the 2011 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson (CIO.GAL/157/11 OSCE+), Ireland, Belarus (also on behalf of the Russian Federation) (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision), Switzerland, Russian Federation, Kazakhstan

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 1 September 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Permanent Council**

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**DECISION No. 1006
AGENDA FOR THE 2011 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002, on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Further recalling the provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992, Chapter I and Chapter VI, paragraph (9),

Recalling also its Decision No. 986 (PC.DEC/986) of 10 March 2011 on the dates for the 2011 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) and Decision No. 987 (PC.DEC/987) of 10 March 2011 on the topics for the second part of the 2011 HDIM,

Decides to adopt the agenda for the 2011 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as set out in the annex.

AGENDA FOR THE 2011 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Warsaw, 26 September to 7 October 2011

Monday, 26 September 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1: Fundamental freedoms I, including:
- Freedom of expression, free media and information;
 - Address by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media.

Tuesday, 27 September 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Fundamental freedoms I (continued), including:
- Freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 3: Fundamental freedoms II, including:
- Freedom of assembly and association;
 - National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights;
 - Human rights education.

Wednesday, 28 September 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 4: Rule of law I, including:
- Legislative transparency;
 - Independence of the judiciary;
 - Right to a fair trial.
- 1–3 p.m. Break

- 3–6 p.m. Working session 5: Rule of law II, including:
- Exchange of views on the question of abolition of capital punishment;
 - Prevention of torture;
 - Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism.

Thursday, 29 September 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 6 (specifically selected topic): Freedom of movement:
- Implementation of OSCE commitments related to freedom of movement and human contacts.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 7 (specifically selected topic): Freedom of movement (continued):
- Freedom of movement of citizens within participating States and facilitation of freer movement across State borders throughout the OSCE area.

Friday, 30 September 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 8 (specifically selected topic): Democratic elections and electoral observation:
- Implementation of OSCE commitments on elections.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 9 (specifically selected topic): Democratic elections and electoral observation (continued):
- Election observation.

Monday, 3 October 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 10: Discussion of human dimension activities (with special emphasis on project work), including:

- Presentation of activities of the ODIHR and other OSCE institutions and field operations to implement priorities and tasks contained in relevant OSCE decisions and other documents.

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 11: Humanitarian issues and other commitments I, including:

- Migrant workers, the integration of legal migrants;
- Refugees and displaced persons;
- Treatment of citizens of other participating States;
- Citizenship and political rights;
- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels.

Tuesday, 4 October 2011

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 12: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:

- Address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;
- National minorities;
- Preventing aggressive nationalism, racism and chauvinism.

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 13: Tolerance and non-discrimination II:
Review of the implementation of commitments on promotion of mutual respect and understanding:

- Responses to and prevention of hate crimes in the OSCE area;
- Combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions;
- Combating anti-Semitism;
- Combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims.

Wednesday, 5 October 2011

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 14 (specifically selected topic): Enhancing the implementation of OSCE commitments regarding Roma and Sinti:

- Effective responses to intolerance directed at Roma and Sinti: the role of public discourse, the media and civil society.

- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 15 (specifically selected topic): Enhancing the implementation of OSCE commitments regarding Roma and Sinti (continued):
- Partnership between States and representatives of Roma and Sinti in the design and implementation of integration policies for Roma and Sinti.

Thursday, 6 October 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 16: Tolerance and non-discrimination II (continued), including:
- Equality of opportunity for women and men;
 - Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality;
 - Prevention of violence against women.
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 17: Humanitarian issues and other commitments II, including:
- Trafficking in human beings;
 - Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings.

Friday, 7 October 2011

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closing reinforced plenary session (reinforced by the participation of human rights directors, OSCE ambassadors and heads of OSCE institutions):
- Any other business;
 - Closing of the meeting.

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Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Belarus (also on behalf of the Russian Federation):

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision adopted regarding the agenda for the 2011 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, we should like to make the following statement.

In a spirit of compromise and in the interests of the Organization, the delegation of the Republic of Belarus and the delegation of the Russian Federation have joined the consensus on the decision regarding the agenda for the 2011 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, despite the fact that this decision does not fully take into account the position of our countries as regards the aforementioned OSCE event and, in particular, its duration.

We are firmly convinced that the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting could be held effectively and in a high-quality manner in a more condensed period of time without detriment to its thematic content and results, as was recommended in the report by the Panel of Eminent Persons in 2005.

The Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation believe it necessary, in accordance with OSCE Permanent Council Decision No. 476, to begin substantive work without delay on revising and optimizing the modalities for holding OSCE human dimension meetings, including questions concerning their duration, the participation of non-governmental organizations and ensuring that they are fully in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE. Over the last few years, including within the framework of the Corfu Process, the delegations of the two countries made quite a number of specific proposals aimed at making events in the third basket more effective and attractive. These proposals continue to be relevant and remain on the negotiating table.

In this connection, we welcome the Lithuanian Chairmanship’s intention to organize a comprehensive and productive discussion on improving the organization and modalities of OSCE human dimension meetings, the assurances given by the Irish OSCE Chairmanship for 2012 as regards ensuring continuity in this work and the declared readiness of other participating States to engage in open, constructive and substantive dialogue on this subject.

We assume that specific decisions on improving the modalities for holding OSCE human dimension meetings will be agreed upon and approved by the Permanent Council prior to the start of consultations on the time-frame and themes of key OSCE events in the human dimension in 2012.

We would ask that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision adopted, and included in the journal of today's meeting of the Permanent Council.”