

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**  
**Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2019**  
*Closing reinforced plenary session*  
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*Madam Director,*

Poland aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU. Additionally, I would like to share with you some remarks from the perspective of the host country for ODHIR.

First, we would like to commend the work and commitment of ODIHR's team and you Director Gísladóttir personally, for successful conduction of the conference. This yearly meeting is the biggest European conference on human rights issues, and Poland – with its capital Warsaw, being a center of dialogue on democracy and human rights, as the ODIHR and the Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies have their headquarters here – is honoured to host this unique event. We appreciate the fact that HDIM remains a platform of vivid exchange of recommendations and reflections among delegations of the participating States and numerous non-governmental participants. We are also glad to note that HDIM continues to be a conference of major interest of civil society: this has been a characteristics of HDIM since its beginnings, and we hope that it will not change in the future.

*Madam Director,*

Poland has been and will remain a committed advocate for human rights and democratic transition worldwide. With this in mind, we would like to seize this opportunity to thank to all OSCE States who attended the Meeting of Directors on human rights issues, co-organized by the Polish MFA and the Slovak Chairmanship, with participation of ODIHR and Council of Europe representatives. It took place on the first day of the HDIM and gathered participants from ca. 40 participating States. During the meeting we discussed how to strengthen the cooperation among international organizations in regard to youth participation in public life; we also exchanged views on the possibilities and challenges to cooperation in the human dimension. We would like to thank all delegations of participating States for their valuable contributions presented during the event, and we hope that they can be used in preparation of human dimension meetings and seminars in future.

Last but not least, we would also like to express our gratitude to the Slovak Chairmanship for their efforts to keep the human dimension highly on the OSCE agenda. We look forward to a fruitful cooperation with the upcoming Albanian Chairmanship in 2020 and we ensure our Albanian colleagues about our full support in this regard.

Thank you to all participants and we look forward to hosting you all next year in Warsaw.