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**OSCE CONFERENCE ON COMBATING DISCRIMINATION AND
PROMOTING MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING
Follow-up to the Cordoba Conference on Anti-Semitism and
Other Forms of Intolerance**

Bucharest, 7 and 8 June 2007

Dear Colleagues,

Please find enclosed the organizational modalities for the OSCE Conference on Combating Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding - Follow-up to the Cordoba Conference on Anti-Semitism and Other Forms of Intolerance, which will take place in Romania, Bucharest, 7 - 8 June 2007.

The OSCE Conference will be preceded by a Civil Society Preparatory Meeting on 6 June 2007 on the same premises (Drepturilor Omului Hall, level P). Delegations are welcomed as observers at this meeting. Additional information on the preparatory meeting is available on the ODIHR's TANDIS website (<http://tandis.odihr.pl/conference/bucharest07>)*. For further information please contact the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), civilsociety@odihr.pl.

Delegations are kindly invited to circulate attached information to relevant national NGOs.

Sincerely yours,



Carlos Sánchez de Boado
Chairman of the Permanent Council

To: All OSCE Delegations
All Partners for Co-operation
All OSCE Institutions
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
OSCE Secretariat
OSCE Missions and Other Field Activities

*) Correction is due to change of website address link

658th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 658, Agenda item 4

**DECISION No. 789
AGENDA, DATES, PLACE, TIMETABLE AND OTHER
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON
COMBATING DISCRIMINATION AND PROMOTING MUTUAL RESPECT
AND UNDERSTANDING**

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I. Agenda

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Opening plenary session
3. Discussions in plenary sessions
4. Closing plenary session: Summing up and closing of the Conference

II. Dates, place, timetable and other organizational modalities

1. The Conference will take place in Bucharest, on 7 and 8 June 2007. The Government of Romania will host the Conference at the Palace of the Parliament.
2. All plenary sessions will be open.
3. The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be applied at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into consideration.
4. The discussions in the plenary sessions will be interpreted from and into all six working languages of the OSCE.

Opening ceremony

- Formal opening of the Conference and keynote speeches: Challenges in implementing the OSCE commitments in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination

Opening plenary session: Combating discrimination and promoting mutual respect and understanding

- Implementation of the OSCE commitments relating to tolerance and non-discrimination; moving beyond tolerance to acceptance, based on mutual respect and understanding

Part I: Common and specific forms of intolerance and discrimination

- Plenary session 1: Combating anti-Semitism
- Plenary session 2: Combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims
- Plenary session 3: Combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions

Part II: Cross-cutting issues

- Plenary session 4: Legislation in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination; the role of law enforcement in combating hate crimes; data collection on hate crimes
- Plenary session 5: Education to promote mutual respect and understanding, remembrance of the Holocaust, and inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue
- Plenary session 6: Addressing racist, xenophobic and discriminatory public discourse spread through, *inter alia*, the media, Internet, satellite TV and textbooks, while respecting freedom of expression

Closing plenary session

- Reports by the moderators of the plenary sessions
- Conclusions and recommendations. The way ahead: Consolidating progress and facing new challenges

Closing ceremony

- Formal closing of the Conference

Work Programme

	Thursday, 7 June 2007	Friday, 8 June 2007
Morning	Opening ceremony Opening plenary session	Plenary session 3 Plenary session 4
Afternoon	Plenary session 1 Plenary session 2	Plenary session 5 Plenary session 6 Closing plenary session Closing ceremony



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Technical Information

I VENUE

The Conference will be held in Bucharest

**International Conference Centre - The Palace of the Parliament
(Palatul Parlamentului)**

Calea 13 Septembrie No 1

020921 Bucharest

Romania

www.cdep.ro

The plenary sessions will be held in the Sala Alexandru Ioan Cuza (level P1) located on the first floor of the "International Conference Centre - Palace of the Parliament". The room has a seating capacity of approx 400 seats.

II LANGUAGES

During the plenary sessions, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the OSCE official languages (English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish).

III PARTICIPATION

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE Institutions and Field Operations, representatives of International Organizations and representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations will participate in the meeting. All Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate as well.

IV GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATES

The intention is to develop a free-flowing discussion based on the keynote speeches, introductory remarks, background information and written statements circulated in advance or during the meeting. To this end, formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are not envisaged in the course of the Meeting and are discouraged.

Prepared statements, background documentation, comments or other written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation by the Documents Distribution Centre (elke.lidarik@osce.org), as well as advanced copies for interpreters only.

V SIDE EVENTS

Side events may be held in the course of the two days. Additional information on the content and objectives of any side event, as well as timing and duration will be made available at a later stage. Side events will be held in the Drepturile Omului Hall and Nicolae Balcescu Hall, both are located on level P.

In order to guarantee efficient use of resources you are kindly request to address your intentions to organize a side event in the course of the meeting to elke.lidarik@osce.org. Please be informed that interpretation for side events will not be provided by the OSCE.

VI VISA MODALITIES

1. OSCE participating States:

- no visa required for diplomatic passports of all OSCE participating states
- no visa is required for service/official passports of all OSCE participating states, except for Uzbekistan
- for simple (regular) passports, visa is required for citizens of the following OSCE participating countries:
Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

An invitation is required for issuing this visa for citizens of: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

2. Partners for Co-operation :

- no visa required for Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea
- visa required on all types of passports (regular, service, diplomatic) and upon invitation for Afghanistan, Egypt, Mongolia
- visa required on regular and service/official passports (and upon invitation) for Algeria, Jordan
- visa required on regular passports only (and upon invitation) for Morocco, Tunisia and, without invitation, for Thailand

More information about visa modalities, including the application form, can be retrieved from the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mae.ro/index.php?unde=doc&id=7201&idlnk=3&cat=5/#Application>

A list of Romanian diplomatic missions can be found on:

<http://www.mae.ro/index.php?unde=doc&id=27&idlnk=4&cat=6>

VII REGISTRATION/ACCREDITATION

Please find enclosed the registration forms. The completed form should be sent to elke.lidarik@osce.org, fax: +43 1 531 37 577.

In addition, a complete list of all members who will attend the conference should be sent from the Permanent Missions in Vienna to elke.lidarik@osce.org. Such a list would facilitate the accreditation process and would ensure that all delegation members are listed in accordance with their respective rank and seniority.

Participants are strongly recommended to return the accreditation forms and the list of delegation members latest by 21 May 2007.

We kindly ask participants to contact the Conference's accreditation desk at the Palace of the Parliament prior to the opening ceremony, scheduled for 7 June in order to obtain the badges. By using the opportunity of advanced registration on 6 June delays in issuing the conference badges before the opening of the conference could be avoided.

The accreditation desk will be open
on Wednesday, **6 June 2007**, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
on Thursday, **7 June** and Friday, **8 June**, from 8 a.m. until the end of the meetings

VIII CATERING

Lunch and refreshments during scheduled coffee breaks will be offered to all participants on both conference days.

IX DISPLAY OF BACKGROUND/INFORMATION MATERIAL

Participants will be provided with necessary facilities for the display and distribution of relevant publications, documents, and information materials.

X TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

The Plenary room as well as the room foreseen for side events will be equipped with technical facilities for power point presentations. The equipment consists of a large screen, projector, laptop (Microsoft windows XP, office XP) with remote control, VCR (VHS, S-VHS), mini DV and DVD player, CD-player, floppy disk station and USB-port.

XI WORKING AREAS

Appropriate working facilities for participants to the conference will be arranged in the in the Galeriile de Onoare (level P, in front of Drepturilor Omului Hall). This area will be accessible from 6 - 8 June and will be equipped with desks, computers (Microsoft windows XP and office XP), printers, phones, fax machine and a copier.

XII ACCOMODATION

Please note that an overview of hotels including deadlines for hotel bookings had been circulated as CIO.GAL/35/07 on 9 March and an addendum to it on 30 March 2007. This document contains all contact details, hotel booking forms and other relevant information on booking procedures.

XIII TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle service will be provided from the airport to the listed hotels as well as transport services from the hotels to the airport.

Please note that smooth transport procedures for each individual can only be ensured when indicating the date and time of arrival and departure as well as flight numbers in the hotel booking form and the accreditation forms.

XIV LUGGAGE STORAGE

Please take note that for security reasons, luggage cannot be stored at the conference venue (inclusive the closing day of the Conference).

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR
OSCE PARTICIPATING STATES AND PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION**

O Yes, I will attend the Civil Society Preparatory Meeting on 6 June 2007
(Please tick, if you wish to attend)

1. State / Delegation:
2. Surname:
3. First Name(s):
4. Position / Title:
5. Place and Date of birth:
6. Citizenship:
7. Passport No.: Issued by:
8. Sex: F e m a l e O M a l e O
9. Delegation's address:
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- Phone: Fax:
- E-Mail:
10. Accommodation/Hotel
- Date and time of check-in.....
- Date and time of check-out... ..
- Date: Signature:

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR
OSCE INSTITUTIONS AND FIELD OPERATIONS**

O Yes, I will attend the Civil Society Preparatory Meeting on 6 June 2007
(Please tick, if you wish to attend)

1. Institution/Mission:

2. Surname:

3. First Name(s):

4. Position / Title:

5. Place and Date of birth:

6. Citizenship:

7. Passport No.:..... Issued by:

8. Sex: F e m a l e O M a l e O

9. Institution/Mission's address:

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E-Mail:

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Yes, I will attend the Civil Society Preparatory Meeting on 6 June 2007
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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR
BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC CIRCLES/INSTITUTIONS**

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