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**DECISION No. 1132
AGENDA FOR THE 2014 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. 1114 (PC.DEC/1114) of 13 March 2014 on the dates for the 2014 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) and Decision No. 1115 (PC.DEC/1115) of 13 March 2014 on the topics for the second part of the 2014 HDIM,

Decides to adopt the agenda for the 2014 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as set out in the annex.

AGENDA FOR THE 2014 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Warsaw, 22 September to 3 October 2014

Monday, 22 September 2014

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1: Democratic institutions, including address by the Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Tuesday, 23 September 2014

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Fundamental freedoms I, including freedom of expression and address by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 3: Fundamental freedoms I (continued), including freedom of peaceful assembly and association

Wednesday, 24 September 2014

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 4: Rule of law I
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 5: Rule of law II

Thursday, 25 September 2014

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 6: Humanitarian issues and other commitments, including address by the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- 1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 7: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including equality of opportunity for women and men and the implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality

Friday, 26 September 2014

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 8 (specifically selected topic): Violence against women and children

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 9 (specifically selected topic): Violence against women and children (continued)

Monday, 29 September 2014

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 10 (specifically selected topic): Rights of persons belonging to national minorities, including address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 11 (specifically selected topic): Rights of persons belonging to national minorities (continued)

Tuesday, 30 September 2014

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 12: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including prevention and responses to hate crimes, aggressive nationalism and chauvinism, and Roma and Sinti issues including the implementation of the OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 13: Tolerance and non-discrimination II (continued), including combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance on religious grounds

Wednesday, 1 October 2014

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 14: Fundamental freedoms II, including freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief

- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 15: Fundamental freedoms II (continued), including freedom of movement

Thursday, 2 October 2014

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 16 (specifically selected topic): Rights of migrants
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 17 (specifically selected topic): Rights of migrants (continued)

Friday, 3 October 2014

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 18: Discussion of human dimension activities (with special emphasis on project work)
- 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

**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 European Union:

In connection with the Permanent Council decision adopted on the agenda of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, and in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE, the European Union makes the following interpretative statement:

“The European Union welcomes the adoption of the decision on the agenda of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

We deeply regret that it has only been possible to agree an agenda for this year’s meeting now. It is very important to adopt agendas in a timely manner to allow the ODIHR sufficient preparation time and to attract high quality and high level participation by governments and civil society.

We agree to this agenda on the basis that it does not represent a precedent for the agenda of future Human Dimension Implementation Meetings. The format of the agenda and titles of the working sessions should be understood as an exception. The difficulties in adopting this agenda are also unfortunately a further by-product of the exceptional challenges facing our region and our Organization.

We remain of the view that the Chairmanship proposal of 16 July (PC.DD/14/14/Rev.2) was adequate and reflected consensually agreed language. We sought to demonstrate a constructive approach throughout the negotiation process and continue to in agreeing to the adoption of this decision. We regret that not all participating States engaged in the negotiations on the same basis.

We trust that the Chairmanship and the ODIHR will continue the preparations for this meeting, including of the annotated agenda, on the basis of best practices from previous years.

Generally speaking, we reiterate our concern regarding the tendency of certain participating States to question and disregard existing commitments in the human dimension, including throughout discussions on this agenda, something that can only weaken the concept of comprehensive security.

Finally, we would like to note that agreement on a standing agenda would greatly improve the decision-making process and allow us to devote more time to substance rather than process.”

Mr. Chairperson, we would kindly ask you to also attach this statement to the journal of the day.

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Attachment 2

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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 the Russian Federation:

In joining the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the agenda and organizational modalities for the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in Warsaw, we should like to make the following statement.

“We take a positive view of the efforts of the Swiss Chairmanship to seek a balance in the OSCE’s work in the human dimension that takes into account the interests of different States. At the same time, we regard the meeting’s shortened agenda as an exception, necessary to extricate ourselves from the current impasse. Otherwise, the holding of the Warsaw meeting this year would have been in jeopardy.

Unfortunately, the meeting’s agenda does not address a number of extremely pressing problems for the OSCE area, such as countering manifestations of neo-Nazism and hate speech, privacy and the ensuring of social, economic and cultural rights, despite there being countless commitments in these areas. We are disappointed at the position taken by a number of countries who have refused to acknowledge the clear increase in threats and challenges associated with the spread of radical right-wing movements and views and the revival of Nazi ideology, and to place the implementation of corresponding OSCE commitments on the agenda. We hope that these issues will be given the attention they deserve.

In this context, we urge that work continue on the reform of OSCE human dimension events. We look to the Swiss Chairmanship to resume this process as soon as possible and also to put forward specific proposals on optimizing activities in the human dimension.”

I request that this statement be attached to the Permanent Council decision adopted and included in the journal of the day.

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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 Ukraine:

Mr. Chairperson,

The delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

“The delegation of Ukraine welcomes the adoption of the decision on the agenda of the 2014 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and appreciates the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship’s efforts to reach consensus.

We regret the delay in adopting the agenda. It is very important to adopt agendas in a timely manner to allow the ODIHR sufficient preparation time and to attract high-level participation.

In the spirit of constructiveness, we agree to a short HDIM agenda as an exception, and express our hope that the format or titles of the working sessions should not be seen as setting a precedent for the future HDIM agendas.

We look forward that the discussions during the 2014 HDIM will encompass, *inter alia*, such important topics as the protection of human rights in the occupied territories, refugees and displaced persons, protection of human rights defenders.

The delegation of Ukraine also considers that agreement on a standing agenda would greatly improve the decision-making process of the Organization. We stand ready to engage in further work on this matter.”

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to the decision and recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

**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 the United States of America:

“The United States looks forward to a productive Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) in Warsaw, 22 September to 3 October.

The United States welcomes adoption of this agenda, but regrets that a handful of delegations failed to act constructively in pursuit of a consensus agenda for the HDIM and prevented consensus on previous versions of the draft agenda for the meeting. While it is certainly difficult for any agenda to reflect all priorities of particular participating States, the United States, in the spirit of compromise, was prepared to accept a number of different iterations of this draft agenda in order to allow needed preparations for this very important meeting to move forward. We regret that a few participating States refused to accept text that had been agreed in previous years and failed to suggest constructive alternatives, pushing negotiations into and beyond the summer recess. When the agenda for HDIM is not adopted in a timely manner, planning is greatly complicated for the ODIHR, delegations, and civil society alike.

Like others, we agree to this agenda as an exception. The format and titles of working sessions in this agenda should not be seen as setting any precedent for future HDIM agendas.

HDIM is the capstone of the year in the human dimension. It reaffirms the commitment of participating States to human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy, and rule of law, and recognizes these as essential factors for peace, justice, and the well-being of individuals, societies, States, and the international community. It provides an opportunity for participating States and civil society to hold each participating State to account for its implementation of commitments in the human dimension. The United States strongly reaffirms its commitment to the human dimension and the full implementation of those commitments.”

I would like to request that this interpretative statement be attached to our decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.