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**DECISION No. 1340
AGENDA FOR THE 2019 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,

Decides to adopt the agenda for the 2019 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as set out in the annex.

AGENDA FOR THE 2019 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Warsaw, 16 to 27 September 2019

Monday, 16 September 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1: Fundamental freedoms, including:
- Freedom of expression, free media and information

Tuesday, 17 September 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Fundamental freedoms (continued), including
address by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media:
- Freedom of expression, free media and information
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 3: Democratic institutions, including:
- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels
 - Democratic elections

Wednesday, 18 September 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 4 (specifically selected topic): Safety of journalists
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 5 (specifically selected topic): Safety of journalists

Thursday, 19 September 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 6: Fundamental freedoms (continued), including:

- Freedom of peaceful assembly and association

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 7: Fundamental freedoms I, including:

- Freedom of thought, conscience, religion, or belief

Friday, 20 September 2019

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 8: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:

- Equal opportunity for women and men
- Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality
- Violence against women

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 9: Humanitarian issues and other commitments, including:

- Combating trafficking in human beings
- Refugees and displaced persons
- Persons at risk of displacement

Monday, 23 September 2019

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 10: Rule of law I, including:

- Independence of the judiciary
- Democratic law-making
- Ensuring equal enjoyment of rights and equal participation in political and public life

1–3 p.m. Break

3–6 p.m. Working session 11: Rule of law II, including:

- Prevention of torture
- Exchange of views on the question of abolition of capital punishment
- Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism

Tuesday, 24 September 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 12: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities:
- Rights of persons belonging to national minorities
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 13: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including:
- Combating racism, xenophobia, and discrimination
 - Combating anti-Semitism and intolerance and discrimination against Christians, Muslims and members of other religions

Wednesday, 25 September 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 14 (specifically selected topic): Hate crime
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 15 (specifically selected topic): Hate crime

Thursday, 26 September 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 16 (specifically selected topic): Roma and Sinti
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 17 (specifically selected topic): Roma and Sinti

Friday, 27 September 2019

- 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

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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 the United States of America:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The United States wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

We support the adoption of the agenda for the 2019 HDIM. We note that some usual topics are not included, such as the role of civil society and the right to a fair trial. This does not set a precedent for future HDIM agendas.

We request that this statement be attached to this decision and recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”