

Human Dimension Implementation Meeting
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Mr. Moderator,

Let me express our deep gratitude to the Government of Poland, OSCE Slovak Chairmanship
and ODHIR for the organization of Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

It is regrettable that despite the OSCE Slovak Chairmanship's strong commitment to human
centric approach human rights and fundamental freedoms of people residing in conflict areas was
not examined in HDIM as a specifically selected topic due to the objection of handful OSCE
participating States.

In our view it would have been an excellent opportunity to have substantial discussions on the
human rights of people residing in conflict areas, thus preventing the attempts to misuse and
abuse almost all agenda items to cover up poor human rights records by invoking conflict related
issues.

Delegation of Armenia is concerned with continued attempts of some participating States to limit
space of civil society not only within their respective countries but in the HDIM as well.

This year's HDIM meeting was marked by increased activity of State funded NGOs, who tried to
promote official propaganda and political agenda of their government and divert attention from
the dire human rights situation in their respective country. Such performance is a clear abuse of
HDIM, which undermines and discredits the value of dialogue and transforms HDIM to a
comfortable platform for a certain State to spread State funded propaganda.

We understand that complete failure to comply with OSCE human dimension commitments and
lack of any argument in supporting their policies compel that participating State to hide behind
the GONGOS.

Mr. Moderator,

The Delegation of Armenia contributed to almost all working sessions on different topics and we
hope that our recommendations set solid framework for the OSCE Slovak Chairmanship in
considering possible MC deliverables. Last but not least the Delegation of Armenia will continue
to insist that human rights and fundamental freedoms are protected for all, including in conflict
areas.

Thank you.