



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

PREVENTION OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND HATE CRIMES THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS- RAISING INITIATIVES

10–11 November 2011

Hofburg, Vienna

General Guidelines

The modalities of the meeting are set out in accordance with the decision of the Permanent Council (PC.DEC/476, 23 May 2002)

1. Aim of the Meeting

The Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes through Educational and Awareness-Raising Initiatives will review implementation of OSCE commitments, examine contemporary forms of racist and xenophobic intolerance and hate crimes and will provide an opportunity to review good practices of participating States, international organizations and civil society actors in this area.

The meeting will address the topic through the following three sessions:

- Challenges and Perspectives for Prevention of Racism and Xenophobia
- Challenges in Combating Hate Crimes, Racism and Xenophobia: Role of Awareness-Raising Initiatives and Public Discourse
- Education for Tolerance and Mutual Respect and Understanding: Good Practices from IGOs, Governments and Civil Society.

Recommendations may be addressed to participating States, OSCE at large, OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE field operations, other inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations, as well as civil society actors in OSCE participating States.

2. Participation

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE Institutions, and OSCE field operations, representatives of international governmental organizations, representatives

of non-governmental organizations, and other civil society actors will participate in the Meeting. The Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend and contribute with respect to their co-operation and links with the OSCE in the field.

3. 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 written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation by the Documents Distribution Centre.

4. Organization

On-line registration for all participants is available at <http://meetings.odhr.pl>. Participants wishing to attend are requested to register by **Wednesday, 26 October 2011**. Registered participants will be able to collect their badges as of Thursday, 10 November 2011, from 9.00 in the Hofburg Congress Centre, in the main entrance hall. Registration during the Meeting is available at the same location.

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5. Other

Side events may be held over the course of two days. Additional information on the content and objectives of any side event, as well as timing and duration will be made available shortly on the Meeting website.