

1152nd Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 1256
DATES OF THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING AND THE TOPICS FOR THE
SECOND PART OF THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides:

1. That the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 11 to 22 September 2017;
2. To select the following topics for the second part of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “Ensuring Equal Enjoyment of Rights and Equal Participation in Political and Public Life”, “Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as an Answer to Rising Inequalities” and “Tolerance and Non-Discrimination”.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

The delegation of Estonia, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the dates of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the topics for the second part of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

We would like to thank the Austrian Chairmanship for all the efforts invested in the continuous discussions and consultations with delegations with a view of achieving consensus related to the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting. However, we regret that consensus on this decision was not reached earlier and that the selected topics are not as ambitious as initially envisaged by the Chairmanship, and do not include fundamental freedoms.

We expect that the participation of civil society in human dimension events, including at the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, will take place according to the agreed modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.”

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Georgia align themselves with this statement.

1 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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Attachment 2

ENGLISH

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PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Kyrgyzstan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

The delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE in connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the date of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM).

Kyrgyzstan joined the consensus in the light of the need for the relevant preparatory work to be carried out by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the Austrian Chairmanship with a view to ensuring the necessary conditions so as to avoid a repeat of last year’s events during the Meeting.

We trust that the measures taken by the Austrian Chairmanship and the Office will ensure the successful holding of the HDIM.

We are grateful to the Austrian Chairmanship for launching consultations on the modalities. We note the need to continue consultations on optimizing the organizational conditions for holding the HDIM. We hope that the participating States will play an active part in the forthcoming consultations with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution to the modalities question.

Mr. Chairperson,

I request that the text of this interpretative statement be appended to our decision.”