

SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING

"CHALLENGES OF ELECTION TECHNOLOGIES AND PROCEDURES"

21-22 April 2005 HOFBURG, VIENNA

AGENDA

Day 1 21 April 2005

15.00 - 16.00 **OPENING SESSION:**

Opening remarks:

Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, Chairman of the Permanent

Council

Ambassador Christian Strohal, Director of the

OSCE/ODIHR

Keynote speeches:

Mr. Bruce George (United Kingdom), President Emeritus

of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE

Mr. Alexander Veshnyakov (Russian Federation),

Chairman of the Central Election Commission

Technical information by the OSCE/ODIHR

16.00 - 18.00 Session I: New Election Technologies: Emerging Challenges

for Electoral Processes.

Introducers:

Dr. Jeno Szep, (Hungary), Adviser, Association of Central and

Eastern European Election Officials

Mr. Vladimir Foss (Kazakstan), Secretary of the Central Electoral

Commission

Mr. Thomas Buchsbaum, (Austria), Head of the Department of the

Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Moderator: Mr. Paul DeGregorio (USA), Vice-Chairman of the

Election Assistance Commission

Discussion

18:30 Reception offered by the OSCE Chairmanship

Day 2 22 April 2004

9.00 - 12.00

Session II: OSCE Election Commitments: Ongoing Challenges to Implementation - Copenhagen Plus as a Possible Means to Enhance Compliance.

Introducers:

Mr. Yaroslav Davidovich (Ukraine), Chairman of the Central Election Commission

Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley (Canada), Chief Electoral Officer

Mr. Zoran Lucic (Serbia and Montenegro), President of the Center for Free Elections and Democracy

Moderator: Mr. Vladimir Lysenko (Russian Federation), Member of the Central Election Commission

Discussion

12.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 16.00 Session III: Election Observation: Challenges to Enhancing Electoral Integrity

Introducers:

Mr. Gerald Mitchell, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Department

Mr. Assan Kozhakov, Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States

Mr. Rolf Timans, Head of Unit, Directorate General External Relations, European Commission

Ms Vania Scoric (Croatia), Vice- President of GONG

Moderator: Mr. Patrick Merloe (USA), Senior Associate and Director of Election Programs, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Discussion

16.00 - 16.30 Break

16.30 - 17.30 **CLOSING PLENARY:**

Reports by the Working Session Moderators

Comments from the floor

Closing remarks:

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Ambassador Christian Strohal, Director of the

OSCE/ODIHR

17:30 Close of Day 2