

We the undersigned, as participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, recall and recommit ourselves to all our OSCE commitments concerning freedom of assembly.

Including, in Copenhagen in June 1990, we committed ourselves:

- To respect the right of individuals and groups to establish, in full freedom, their own political parties or other political organizations;
- (That) everyone will have the right of peaceful assembly and demonstration. Any restrictions which may be placed on the exercise of these rights will be prescribed by law and consistent with international standards;
- (That) the right of association will be guaranteed.
- (To) ensure that individuals are permitted to exercise the right to association, including the right to form, join and participate effectively in non-governmental organizations which seek the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including trade unions and human rights monitoring groups;

In Paris in November 1990, we reaffirmed:

- That, without discrimination, every individual has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief, freedom of expression, freedom of association and peaceful assembly, freedom of movement;

In Helsinki in 2008 we reiterated that:

- Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief; freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of peaceful assembly and association. The exercise of these rights may be subject to only such limitations as are provided by law and consistent with our obligations under international law and with our international commitments.

We also welcome the Guidelines on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly published by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights as an important tool in assisting us in implementing our commitments.