

EUROPEAN UNION OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting Freedoms of Peaceful Assembly and Association Vienna, 16-17 April 2015

EU Consolidated Recommendations

To OSCE participating States:

- 1. Fully respect the principles of equality and non-discrimination in implementing OSCE commitments
- 2. Introduce transparent mechanisms that provide that provide for effective public participation in decision making processes
- 3. Encourage regular dialogue with civil society both at a national level and at the OSCE
- 4. Actively encourage civil society participation in the work of the OSCE
- Take advantage of tools such as the ODIHR/Venice Commission guidelines on the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly, Freedom of Association and the ODIHR guidelines on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, and the valuable advice and recommendations contained in them
- 6. In relation to the Freedom of Association, permit organisations and individuals associated with them to seek, receive and administer financial support from domestic, foreign and international entities without undue restrictions
- 7. In relation to the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly, extend invitations to ODIHR as part of their cycle of monitoring in selected participating States, and invite ODIHR to monitor assemblies, especially where minority and critical views are being put forward
- 8. Involve civil society as independent assembly monitors

To the Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee:

1. Extend the valuable practice of civil society participation in Human Dimension Committee meetings