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Dear Colleagues,

Please find on behalf of host country Croatia and the Belgian Chairmanship the annotated agenda of the OSCE Tolerance Implementation Meeting on “Education to Promote Mutual Respect and Understanding and to Teach about the Holocaust”, taking place in Dubrovnik on 23 and 24 of October.

This meeting serves to highlight areas for improved implementation by participating States within the more specific field of education to promote more mutual respect and understanding. We look forward to your active participation at this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. de Crombrughe', written in a cursive style.

Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrughe
Chairman of the Permanent Council

2nd OSCE TOLERANCE IMPLEMENTATION MEETING
“EDUCATION TO PROMOTE
MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING
AND TO TEACH ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST”

Dubrovnik, 23-24 October 2006

Venue:

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, 10th Floor, Mare Conference Room

Participants:

Decision makers and senior officials from Ministries of Education in OSCE countries responsible for teaching about respect, tolerance and the Holocaust, OSCE/ODIHR representatives and representatives of other international organisations, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, non-governmental organisations dealing with diversity education

Background:

As an implementation meeting, this meeting will provide an opportunity for educational experts from OSCE participating States to highlight areas where public and private educational programmes have been undertaken to promote mutual respect and understanding and to promote remembrance of the Holocaust. The meeting will also serve to highlight practical initiatives and tools developed by educational experts and civil society.

The 2005 Ljubljana Ministerial Council Decision:

“Encourage public and private educational programmes that promote tolerance and non-discrimination, and raise public awareness of the existence and the unacceptability of intolerance and discrimination, and in this regard, to consider drawing on ODIHR expertise and assistance in order to develop methods and curricula for tolerance education in general, including:

- Fighting racial prejudice and hatred, xenophobia and discrimination;
- Education on and remembrance of the Holocaust, as well as other genocides, recognized as such in accordance with the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and crimes against humanity;
- Education on anti-Semitism in order to ensure a systematic approach to education, including curricula related to contemporary forms of anti-Semitism in participating States;
- Fighting prejudice, intolerance and discrimination against Christians, Muslims and members of other religions”

Aims:

- To raise awareness about the importance of education to promote mutual respect and understanding and the need to teach about the Holocaust among policy makers and the general public within the OSCE countries
- To exchange ideas on the most effective methodology, teacher training and teaching materials for the issues concerned;
- To propose efficient policy measures for enhancing education to promote mutual respect and understanding and to teach about the Holocaust.

Experts

- Presentations (inputs) will be given by experts from Croatia, OSCE and other IGOs as well as by NGO/INGOs
- The key note speaker will come from Croatia (Mrs Anna-Maria Getoš, University of Zagreb)

Materials

Each participating delegation is invited to provide samples of the existing educational materials for display; exhibition will be organised in the lobby

Side events

- NGO Roundtable meeting on education to promote respect and mutual understanding chaired by Tin Gazivoda, Centar za ljudska prava (Centre for Human Rights from Croatia)
- Display of related materials in the lobby of the hotel

Media Impact

- Local, regional, and national media outlets (newspapers, radio, TV) will be informed about the seminar. They will be encouraged to send reporters to the seminar.

PROGRAMME
OF THE 2nd OSCE TOLERANCE IMPLEMENTATION MEETING
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Dubrovnik, 23-24 October 2006

Monday, 23 October 2006

8:30 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:30 Opening Session

Mr. Pierre Chevalier, Special Envoy of the Chairman in Office of the OSCE
H. E. Mr. Christian Strohal, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Dr. Dragan Primorac, Minister of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia

Ms. Jadranka Kosor, Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Croatia, and Minister of Family, War Veterans and Intergenerational Solidarity

10:30 - 11:00

Keynote address: *“Tolerance in the 21st Century Society”*

Ms. Anna-Maria Getoš, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law

Presentation of Conclusions of NGO Preparatory Roundtable:

Mr. Tin Gazivoda, Chair of NGO Preparatory Roundtable

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break and Press Conference

11:30 - 13:00 Session I - Curricula, Teacher-Training and National Education Strategies to Combat Prejudice, Hatred and Discrimination

Moderator:

Ms. Alida Matković, Head of the Multilateral Cooperation Department, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Republic of Croatia, Member of the Croatian delegation to the ITF

Speakers:

Mr. Mitja Sardoč, Educational Research Institute, University of Ljubljana and Member of the ODIHR Expert Group for the Assessment Report on Diversity Education in the OSCE Region

Prof. Vedrana Spajić – Vrkaš, University of Zagreb, “University Curricula for Human Rights Education and Education for Democratic Citizenship in Croatia”

13:00 - 13:10 Photo session

13:10 - 14:30 Lunch Break (+ side events)

Lunch for VIP participants (Restaurant *Lenga*, 7th floor)

Lunch for the rest of the participants (Restaurant *Elafiti*, 7th floor)

14:30 - 16:00 Session II - Teaching Tools to Promote Mutual Respect and Understanding

Moderator:

Dr. Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs, Centre for European Studies, Faculty of International and Political Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow and Member of the ODIHR Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief

Speakers:

Ms. Karen Polak, Anne Frank House Educational Department, Member of Delegation of the Netherlands to the ITF, Educational Working Group, "Coordination of the international project "Teaching Material on Anti-Semitism" in cooperation with ODIHR and experts from seven countries"

Mr. Mark Weitzman, Director, Founding Director New York Tolerance Center and Director, Task Force against Hate, Simon Wiesenthal Center

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Implementation of the Law Enforcement Officer Programme on Combating Hate Crime between the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Croatia and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

** signed by **Mr. Marijan Benko**, General Police Director, Assistant Minister of Interior and **H. E. Mr. Christian Strohal**, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*

16:30 - 18:00 Session III – Approaches to Holocaust Education/Remembrance in the Classroom

Moderator:

Mr. Jan Deboutte, Director-General Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium

Speakers:

Dr. Irit Abramsky, European Department, International School of Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem

Dr. Kathrin Meyer, Adviser on Anti-Semitism Issues for ODIHR, OSCE Observer to the Task Force for International Co-operation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research, Chair of the Working Group Holocaust Memorial Days

Ms. Loranda Miletić, Senior Advisor, Agency for Education and Training, Croatia, Member of the Croatian delegation to the ITF, Education Working Group: "Cross-curricula Approach in Teaching about the Holocaust"

Tuesday, 24 October 2006

9:30 - 11:00 Session IV – Conflict Prevention in the Classroom: Programmes to Address and Prevent Hate-Motivated Bullying and Inter-Cultural Tensions

Moderator:

H. E. Mr. Jorge Fuentes Monzonis-Vilallonga, Head of the OSCE Mission to the Republic of Croatia

Speakers:

Ms. Deborah A. Batiste, Web-based anti-bias initiative - Making Diversity Count: An Online Course for Educators

Ms. Tanja Radočaj, Head of UNICEF Office in Croatia: “Building Safe Environment in Schools – Is It Possible in Divided Communities?”

11:00 - 13:00 Session V – Forward Looking Session: The Role of the OSCE and other Inter-Governmental Organisations in Strengthening Existing Educational Programmes and Initiatives to Promote Respect and Understanding

Moderator:

H. E. Mr. Colin Munro, Head of the UK Delegation to OSCE

Speakers:

Ms. Anastasia Crickley, Personal Representative to the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, Chair of the European Monitoring Center on Racism and Xenophobia

H. E. Mr. Jorge Fuentes Monzonis-Vilallonga, Head of the OSCE Mission to the Republic of Croatia

Ms. Jo-Anne Bishop, Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Program of the ODIHR

13:00 - 13:45 Session VI: Conclusions and Closing Session

Moderator:

Mr. Jan Deboutte, Director-General Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium

Reports from Working Sessions, Closing Remarks