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**DECISION No. 1341
DATES OF THE 2019 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:

That the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 16 to 27 September 2019.

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

By the delegation of Turkey:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decisions just adopted on the topics for the second part of the 2019 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM), on the agenda for the 2019 HDIM and on the dates of the 2019 HDIM, the Republic of Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under Paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The OSCE, with its comprehensive and co-operative concept of security, is a unique international platform in an era where effective multilateralism becomes increasingly needed.

Turkey attaches utmost importance to the work of the human dimension, which constitutes an indispensable component of the comprehensive security concept of the OSCE. HDIM is a significant event thereof. The participation of representatives of civil society enriches OSCE human dimension meetings. Turkey values their work and contribution to the advancement of the OSCE commitments.

The OSCE, as a security organization intended to serve and advance the security of its participating States, including Turkey, must not offer a platform to the extensions of terrorist organizations. On the contrary, the OSCE has to remain a platform to strengthen our co-operation in the fight against terrorism. Terrorism is a crime against humanity, thus it requires joint action and efforts.

Turkey has made its concerns with the participation of terror affiliates in OSCE human dimension meetings abundantly clear. Turkey has expressed its expectations on this matter on numerous occasions.

The clear rules in Paragraph 16, Decision IV, 1992 Helsinki Document and Permanent Council Decision No. 476 (2002), Annex III, Paragraph 3 must be implemented.

While welcoming the efforts undertaken by the current and previous Chairs of the Informal Working Group (IWG) on the implementation of Paragraph 16 of the said Document, as well as the initial work achieved by the Chair of the Open-Ended Reflection Process, Turkey believes that these efforts need to be redoubled in order to reach a lasting solution as early as possible.

Turkey takes note of the Slovak Chairmanship's statement declaring its readiness to assume responsibility for taking final decisions should questions arise concerning the application of Paragraph 16 of the said Document.

Turkey joins consensus on the three decisions related to the 2019 HDIM with the understanding that the Chairmanship will not allow the participation of persons or organizations which resort to the use of violence or publicly condone terrorism or the use of violence to the Meeting. Thus, Turkey assumes that the situation of the years 2017 and 2018 where entities linked to terrorism were allowed to participate in the HDIM will not be repeated again.

Turkey will closely follow the preparations of the 2019 HDIM. If Turkey's legitimate concerns are not addressed in a concrete and satisfactory manner, this would amount to the non-implementation of Paragraph 16 and thus to non-compliance with our shared principles and commitments, particularly those related to the fight against terrorism. Such a situation would further jeopardize the credibility of our organization and undermine the rules and principles of the OSCE.

In that case, Turkey will not hesitate to take any action it deems necessary within the OSCE.

Mr. Chairperson, we ask that this statement be attached to the decision and also included in the journal of the day."