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**DECISION No. 1265
AGENDA FOR THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Further recalling the provisions of the Helsinki Document 1992, Chapter I and Chapter VI, paragraph 9,

Recalling also its Decision No. 1256 (PC.DEC/1256) of 6 July 2017 on the dates and topics for the second part of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM),

Decides to adopt the agenda for the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting as set out in the annex.

AGENDA FOR THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Warsaw, 11 to 22 September 2017

Monday, 11 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1: Fundamental freedoms I, including:
- Freedom of expression, free media and information

Tuesday, 12 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Fundamental freedoms I, including:
- Freedom of peaceful assembly and association
 - National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 3: Democratic institutions, including:
- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels
 - Democratic elections

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 4 (specifically selected topic): Ensuring equal enjoyment of rights and equal participation in political and public life
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 5 (specifically selected topic): Ensuring equal enjoyment of rights and equal participation in political and public life

Thursday, 14 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 6: Fundamental freedoms II, including:
- Freedom of thought, conscience, religion, or belief
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 7: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:
- Combating racism, xenophobia, and discrimination
 - Combating anti-Semitism and intolerance and discrimination against Christians, Muslims and members of other religions
 - Prevention and responses to hate crimes in the OSCE area

Friday, 15 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 8 (specifically selected topic): Tolerance and non-discrimination
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 9 (specifically selected topic): Tolerance and non-discrimination

Monday, 18 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 10: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:
- Rights of persons belonging to national minorities
 - Roma and Sinti issues, including implementation of the OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti
 - Preventing aggressive nationalism, racism and chauvinism
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 11: Humanitarian issues and other commitments:
- Combating trafficking in human beings
 - Refugees and displaced persons
 - Persons at risk of displacement

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 12: Rule of law I, including:
- Prevention of torture
 - Exchange of views on the question of abolition of capital punishment
 - Protection of human rights and fighting terrorism
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 13: Rule of law II, including:
- Right to a fair trial
 - Independence of the judiciary
 - Democratic law-making

Wednesday, 20 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 14 (specifically selected topic): Economic, social and cultural rights as an answer to rising inequalities
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 15 (specifically selected topic): Economic, social and cultural rights as an answer to rising inequalities

Thursday, 21 September 2017

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 16: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including:
- Equality of opportunity for women and men
 - Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality
 - Prevention of violence against women and children
- 1–3 p.m. Break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 17: Fundamental freedoms II, including:
- Freedom of movement
 - Migrant workers and the integration of legal migrants

Friday, 22 September 2017

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 18: Discussion of human dimension activities (with special emphasis on project work)

Closing reinforced plenary session (reinforced by the participation of human rights directors, OSCE ambassadors and heads of OSCE institutions):

- Any other business
- Closing of the meeting