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A. INTRODUCTION

1. Background information on organisation and administration

The co-operation contract with the Institute of Constitutional and Administrative Law of the University of Vienna and the subsequent relocation of BIM to university premises opposite to the 'Juridicum', have been advantageous in every respect. The presence of the Law Faculty not only facilitates the access to scientific infrastructure, but also enhances contacts on the university level and thus the academic exchange of ideas. An increased participation both of university professors and students in projects of our Institute is its encouraging outcome. We would like to thank everybody affiliated with the university, who wished our Institute well and helped us during the last years. In particular, we thank the Dean of the Law Faculty, Peter Pieler, and the Director of the Institute of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Theo Öhlinger, for their support and confidence that enabled us to overcome so many administrative and organisational problems.

Furthermore, the 'Association for the Promotion of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (henceforth: the Association), founded in 1996, turns out to be an important advantage. The Association not only supports the Institute financially, but also allows the realisation of empirical projects and activities in the field of human rights education.

The scientific work of BIM and the Association, reflected in the numerous, but often short-term projects with various partners (mostly with governmental departments) is highly appreciated. However, it demands a flexible management both of human resources and available space. This was only possible due to a permanent team of highly motivated people and a wide network of competent freelancers willing to share jobs and work space. Hereby we would like to say to all our

staff and volunteers how pleased we are that they are affiliated with our Institute.

Like the year before, the financial situation of BIM remained overstretched in 1997. According to a decision of the Ludwig Boltzmann Society, Institutes deserve promotion under the condition that they are mainly funded from outside which enables them to balance economic fluctuations and to pay costs of infrastructure. Although its budget consisted for seven eighth of funds from outside, BIM was, however, not provided with an annual subsidy for 1997. The omission of any kind of annual, i. e. non-earmarked project funds led to a drastic decision: in midyear we had to dismiss for financial reasons our documentalist who had worked at the institute since the very beginning. She was in charge of the documentation and her work could only partially be taken over by other staff members and students. Therefore, the documentation work has been reduced to a back-burner operation.

We are distressed that our colleague Marijan Srienz deceased after a long and painful illness. He was seconded to the Association by the Austrian Foreign Ministry and did important work for the Missing Persons Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (see B/1.1.4.). With indefatigable and emotional engagement and in spite of his illness, he dedicated the last years of his life to the struggle for justice and human rights for the people of Bosnia.

2. Activities

The priorities of scientific research shifted further during 1997. Early in the year, the reporting on the human rights situation in the most important countries of origin of asylum seekers in Austria, conducted on request of the Ministry of the Interior since 1992, was brought to an end. Within the scope of the co-operation agreement with the Foreign Ministry, the activities shifted from the preparation of country reports to the preparation, realisation and scientific supervision of those

projects which have an impact on the human rights situation in the 'priority countries' of Austria's development co-operation policy.

The human rights situation of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and in particular of the missing persons, continued to constitute a priority of BIM and the Association. Since the resignation of Manfred Nowak as UN Expert on Missing Persons in the Former Yugoslavia in March 1997 the Association gradually terminated those projects which had been conceived as support of this mandate of the UN Commission on Human Rights.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the 5th anniversary of the UN World Conference on Human Rights and the EU presidency of Austria, the Association has lanced the project 'Human Rights Year 1998', in co-operation with the Foreign Ministry. This project aims on the one hand at stimulating international/national and governmental/non-governmental initiatives to improve the protection of human rights and in particular the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action, on the other hand at coordinating the activities scheduled for 1998.

In connection with the 'Human Rights Year 1998', BIM initiated also research on the implementation of international human rights standards by Austria. While the Institute had already been conducting research on the implementation of the prohibition of torture for several years, two new projects were initiated: on the implementation of the UN Convention against Racial Discrimination and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In the medium and long term, it is intended to expand these studies to other UN treaties, such as the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

In addition to research, human rights education becomes increasingly more important in the work of the Institute. In this context, the establishment of a Service Centre for Human Rights Education at schools in the framework of the Association deserves special attention, as well as the organisation of seminars on 'Human Rights - Fundamental Rights', within the University Course on the training of schoolteachers. Also the special course on human rights of African women in Uganda and the training of field personnel in Stadtschlaining have become well-known. In the future, above all, human rights education activities in the 'priority countries' of Austria's Development Co-operation Policy will be intensified, but also the teaching of international human rights at the University of Vienna. By way of example, participation in the European Master's Programme for Human Rights and Democratisation, which is a joint effort of the European Commission and universities in all EU member States, is envisaged.

B. RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. Country specific projects

1.1. Bosnia and Herzegovina

1.1.1. Investigations for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague

The co-operation between ICTY and BIM, which started in 1994, continued also in 1997. For this purpose, BIM prepared further analyses and summaries of collected data resulting from specific issues on 'ethnic cleansing' in the city of Zvornik in 1992. The work was carried out mainly on the basis of the testimonies of more than 900 refugees from the Zvornik region who were interviewed in 1993.

This project, under the responsibility of Hannes Tretter, is being directed by Stephan Müller. Franziska Walter drafted a case study on the fate of two villages near Zvornik, where massacres and mass deportations took place in 1992. Paul Angeli was responsible for the preparation and compilation of the - for the time being - last 'package' of the interviews, case studies and analyses, which eventually were transmitted to ICTY by the end of June 1997. In addition, Amra Pasovic, Mair Oruc and Tarik Zukic participated in this project.

1.1.2. Policy of the International Community regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina

With the support of the 'Fund for the Promotion of Scientific Research in Austria' a project was started in early 1995 and could be concluded in October 1997. The study concentrated on the analysis of the peace plans of the International Community, including the Dayton Peace Agreement, and on the investigation of the policies of the most important countries and international institutions. In addition, the human rights situation of Bosnia and Herzegovina since the entry into force of the Dayton Peace Agreement was examined. At the same time, the first investigations were undertaken for the purposes of examining the situation of Roma during and after the war. Stephan Müller was in charge of the completion of the study, which will be published in the course of 1998. Special attention was also attributed to the analysis of the human rights institutions established by the Dayton Agreement (Manfred Nowak and Hannes Tretter).

1.1.3. Residence and legal status of Bosnian refugees in selected recipient countries

In the scope of this research work, which is also supported by the 'Fund for the Promotion of Scientific Research in Austria', the following country reports were completed : Denmark (Kim U. Kjaer), Germany (Peter Valentini), Croatia (Tomislav Boric and Josip Kregar), Norway (Terje Einarsen), Austria (Peter

Valentini), Sweden (Janina W. Dacyl), Switzerland (Michael Marugg) and Slovenia (Claudia Rudolf and Maja Katarina Tratar). Moreover, the analysis of the development of international and European policies with regard to the temporary protection of persons not defined as refugees by the Geneva Refugee Convention was concluded (Ulrike Davy). A presentation of both the concept of refugees and their rights under the Geneva Refugee Convention was started in 1997, as well as a comparative study on the country reports (Christine Amann). Both studies will be completed in the course of 1998.

The project, under the direction of Hannes Tretter, was carried out by Peter Valentini and, from May onward, by Christine Amann. In addition, Azra Hadzisehovic and Nikolaus Marschik participated in this project and represented BIM at the 2nd meeting of the Informal Expert Group on Legal Aspects of Temporary Protection in Stockholm, organised by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

The separate publication of the country reports is already scheduled for the middle of 1998 in order to maintain their topicality. The project should be completed at the end of 1998 with the publication of a second volume. This book will not only contain the studies referred to, but also conclusions and legal/political proposals to generally improve the situation of refugees and internally displaced persons.

1.1.4. 'Phenomenon of Disappearances' in Bosnia-Herzegovina and 'Ante Mortem Database Project'

The project of analysing the 'phenomenon of disappearances' came to an end in 1997. It had as main goal to scientifically evaluate information on disappeared persons and background information on disappearances in the political context of "ethnic cleansing", as well as to localise mass graves. The investigations followed the methods of empirical social research, especially interviews with former disappeared

persons, witnesses and perpetrators. For that purpose, the Association trained four interviewers. The main aim was to investigate the reasons, methods and effects of the phenomenon of disappearances.

After the analysis of approximately 300 interviews with former disappeared persons from Bijeljina, Brcko, the region of Zvornik, Kalesija, Bratunac, Visegrad, Foca, Gorazde, Zepa, Srebrenica, Sarajevo and the region of Prijedor on the one hand and information provided by other institutions, like the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague (ICTY), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Bosnian Commission for War Crimes on the other hand, the thesis of a special 'strategy of disappearances' could not be confirmed. Nevertheless, it can be concluded with certainty that enforced disappearances formed part of the overall strategy of "ethnic cleansing". The detailed results of this research will be published in the middle of 1998. The results will be made available to the UN bodies concerned, the ICRC, the ICTY and the other institutions engaged in the clearing up of the fate of disappeared persons.

The 'Ante Mortem Database Project' (AMDB-Project) was conducted in co-operation with the American organisation 'Physicians for Human Rights', which took the sole responsibility for the project as from June 1997. The project is aimed at collecting all relevant ante-mortem data of missing persons by conducting interviews with families and relatives in order to provide basic information for the identification of mortal remains from mass graves. Consequently, the Association trained approximately 30 local interviewers, who by the end of May had conducted approximately 5.300 interviews, mainly with relatives of disappeared persons from Srebrenica.

The offices in Sarajevo and Tuzla, set up for these two projects, were closed in 1997. Apart from approximately 40

local staff, the following colleagues of the Institute participated in these projects, under the direction of Manfred Nowak : Renate Frech (head of the whole project), Saraj Rasuly (head of AMDB-Project in Tuzla), Marijan Srienz (seconded by the Austrian Foreign Ministry), Stephan Müller, Marijana Grandits, Jasmina Prstojevic, Katharina Wolf, Suada Mahmic and Amra Pasovic. These two projects of the Association were mainly funded by the Dutch Government, the EU Commission and the International Commission on Missing Persons in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia. The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Sarajevo supported the projects with vehicles and know-how.

1.2. Bhutan

The Himalaya Kingdom Bhutan is the only Asian 'priority country' of Austria's development co-operation policy. The activities of BIM with regard to Bhutan are carried out under the co-operation agreement with the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and were intensified in 1997. Manfred Nowak participated as an international expert in a human rights training course for high court judges in the capital Thimpu. This was the first of a series of human rights training activities organised by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Bhutan. During May/June 1997 Christian Hainzl performed a five week research in Bhutan on the fundamental features of Bhutan's legal system. A publication of this study is being prepared and scheduled for the middle of 1998. In the framework of the country reporting for the Foreign Ministry, a special report was drafted on the background, development and the current situation of the refugee problems between Bhutan and Nepal. In October, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights organised a training for police officers and para-legals (Jabmis). Christian Hainzl participated as an assistant of the international experts. Preparations for a political seminar on Bhutan were initiated as well, which will

be part of the exhibition 'Bhutan - Stronghold of Gods' in the Ethnological Museum of Vienna. The seminar, which will last two days, will be held in Vienna in March 1998 and will be attended by national and international experts.

1.3. Uganda

In 1996, the Institute started to set up human rights projects in Uganda under the direction of Manfred Nowak. In this connection, the field visit for four weeks of Helmut Sax (July 1997) was a central point. Visits to prisons, contacts with local NGOs and the participation in a seminar of the Ugandan Human Rights Commission on 'Human Rights and the Administration of Justice' allowed a profound insight into the current problems of the Ugandan criminal justice system. Moreover, the Post-Graduate Study Programme on Human Rights for African Women, which was co-organised by BIM (see C/3), could benefit from this stay. In late October the Institute, represented by Christian Hainzl and Helmut Sax, and the international human rights organisation Minority Rights Group met in London in order to co-ordinate their projects, especially regarding Uganda and Ethiopia. In addition, Helmut Sax prepared expert opinions on current questions concerning Uganda, both on the request of the Foreign Ministry and the Austrian Regional Bureau for Development Co-operation in Kampala.

1.4. Ethiopia

A conference on the setting-up of human rights institutions will be held in Addis Abeba from 18 until 22 May 1998. Christian Hainzl will participate in this conference and intends to stay another week in order to establishing co-operation in the field of human rights education and training with governmental and non-governmental partners.

2. Studies on the implementation of international human rights standards in Austria

2.1. UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child

In 1997, a study was started aimed at examining the issue of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child into Austrian law. This project, an initiative of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family and the Austrian Child and Juvenile Ombudsmen, aims at drafting proposals for a constitutional embodiment of the essential parts of the Convention. Hannes Tretter and Helmut Sax took part in the Permanent Conference of the Child and Juvenile Ombudsmen. The project, under the direction of Hannes Tretter, was managed by Helmut Sax in co-operation with Christian Hainzl. Furthermore, Sophie Keller, Lukas Gehrke and Sonja Niederberger participated. The project will be completed in 1998.

2.2. UN-Convention against Racial Discrimination

In the framework of the EU-year against racism, a legal research project was initiated with the title : 'Implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination of 21 December 1965 in Austrian law', thanks to the support of the Vienna Integration Fund and the Ministry of Justice. On the basis of an analysis of the Convention under international law, essential national problems will be identified and possible solutions will be proposed. The study, which is conducted under the direction of Hannes Tretter and carried out by Nikolaus Marschik, will be completed in 1998.

3. Project 'Human Rights Year 1998'

Due to two events, the year 1998 will be of particular importance for the cause of human rights. On the one hand, the

celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1998, on the other hand the evaluation of the outcome of the UN-World Conference on Human Rights, which took place in Vienna in 1993. Both events offer a perfect occasion to analyse the achievements of and challenges to the international human rights system, to identify deficits and to contribute in this way to the strengthening of human rights. Since Austria was hosting the UN-World Conference on Human Rights and is holding the presidency of the European Union in the second half of 1998, a special responsibility rests on the Austrian government to highlight new aspects of the international human rights protection system. Consequently, the Austrian National Committee for the Human Rights Year 1998 was established on 10 December 1997, bringing together representatives of governmental departments, federal states (Länder), NGOs, academics, social partners and political parties.

The project 'Human Rights Year 1998' was entrusted to the Association by the Human Rights Department of the Foreign Ministry and also financed by the latter. This project provides a platform for the various actors and activities on governmental and non-governmental level and has thus an important co-ordination function. A wide NGO-network for the Human Rights Year 1998 was created in order to organise common activities and to draw up a catalogue with requests for the realisation of the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action adopted at the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights.

The director of the project, Ingrid Kircher, supported the International Law Division of the Foreign Ministry in the substantial preparation, realisation and follow-up of the 40th diplomatic seminar, which was held from 28 July to 1 August 1997 in Hellbrunn/Salzburg under the title : 'The Universal Protection of Human Rights : Translating International

Commitments into National Action'. Furthermore, she was responsible for the publication of the contributions and conclusions of the sessions in a special edition of the journal 'Österreichische Außenpolitische Dokumentation'.

The project 'Human Rights Year 1998' also contributes to the project of the European Commission on an "EU Human Rights Agenda for the Year 2000", which is being carried out by the European University Institute in Florence. Experts from EU member states, among them Manfred Novak, will analyse various human rights issues. On the basis of these analyses, a 'Comité des Sages' will draw up conclusions and formulate concrete recommendations in order to strengthen the human rights policy of the EU. These conclusions and recommendations will be presented at a conference, to be held at 9 and 10 October 1998 in Vienna, and will constitute the basis of a special session of the EU ministers of Foreign Affairs at 10 December 1998, which takes place immediately before the EU summit in Vienna.

Under the supervision of Manfred Nowak and Hannes Tretter, Ingrid Kircher is responsible for this project with Walter Suntinger and Helmut Sax contributing to it.

4. Co-edition of the 'Yearbook 1997: Human Rights in Developing Countries'

With the financial assistance of the Herman and Marianne Straniak Foundation, BIM continues to contribute to the project 'Yearbook Human Rights in Developing Countries', which is edited by seven European human rights institutes in 1997. The reform-process introduced in 1996, was revised and expanded at the editors conference in late October 1997, where BIM was represented by Helmut Sax (enhanced focusing on certain topics, separate country reports series, preparation of a web site on Internet). For the 1997 edition, Helmut Sax prepared a study on the human rights situation in Senegal.

5. Project ‘Internally Displaced Persons’

In 1997, BIM continued to support the UN Special Representative on Internally Displaced Persons, Francis Deng. With the active co-operation of Manfred Nowak, an international expert group in Geneva established Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (UN-Doc.E/CN.4/1998/53/Add.2). These principles were reviewed at an expert conference, organised by the Foreign Ministry in Vienna in January 1998, and will be presented to the UN Commission on Human Rights in March 1998.

6. Studies on the legal situation of selected ethnic minorities in Europe

In the beginning of 1998 this project, directed by Hannes Tretter, was completed. In 1997, a report was prepared on the legal situation of minorities and ethnic groups in France (Gilbert Gornig and Gilles Despeux). A typological comparison of different models of national law granting protection to minorities was made by Martin Wagner. The individual contributions are, as before, published in the journal ‘Europa Ethnica’, co-edited by Hannes Tretter.

With the support of the Herman and Marianne Straniak Foundation a Romanian scholar, Gulya Fábíán, worked at a study on the implementation by Romania of the European Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities.

C. HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

1. Service Centre for Human Rights Education

The Service Centre for Human Rights Education was established in February 1997. The project is supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Culture. The international

framework is provided by the UN-Decade on Human Rights Education (1995-2004), in which all states are called upon to strengthen the education and advanced training in the field of human rights and to establish corresponding institutional structures.

On the one hand the Service Centre aims at pursuing the introduction of human rights education at Austrian schools, on the other hand at providing support for the practical realisation of human rights issues in the classes. The assignments and activities of the Service Centre comprise advisory service for teachers, support for schools in the realisation of human rights projects, advice for organisations and institutions engaged in respective human rights activities, development and delivery of educational material and information, advanced training of teachers, etc.

In 1997, emphasis was put on the setting-up of the Service Centre. At the beginning of the year an inquiry on human rights education at more than 100 Austrian organisations and institutions was conducted by means of questionnaires. This allowed a first insight into the activities organised in this field. Staff of the Service Centre participated at the 'UNESCO Regional Conference on Human Rights Education in Europe' in Turku/Finland. The outcome was a 'European Implementation Strategy' for the UN-Decade. Furthermore, the Service Centre was fully involved in the preparation and realisation of a UNESCO seminar on human rights education at the European University for Peace in Stadtschlaining. Since autumn 1997, the Service Centre is creating a network of contact teachers who will promote human rights at Austrian schools. In addition, the new media technology is used : in the mailboxsystem 'Black Board for School and Education', the Institute is present with a discussion group on human rights education.

Barbara Weber and Walter Suntinger were both in charge of the establishment and management of the Service Centre. An

advisory board was initiated to support the Service Centre bringing together representatives of organisations and institutions engaged in the further development of human rights education (Amnesty International, Baobab, Foreign Ministry, Ministry for Education and Culture, Austrian Institute for Human Rights, Südwind Agentur, UNESCO, UNICEF).

2. International Civilian Peace-Keeping and Peace-Building Training Programme (IPT) - Specialisation Course: 'Human Rights Protection and Promotion'

In co-operation with the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Management, BIM initiated and supervised - as far as the content was concerned - a two-week specialisation course on 'Human Rights Protection and Promotion', which took place from 12 to 25 October 1997 in Stadtschlaining. Manfred Nowak and Walter Suntinger taught the lectures of the first week. The basic course, which is held several times a year, consists of a general training programme for participants with the relevant professional qualification and an interest in peace-keeping or peace-building activities in a conflict region.

3. Post-graduate Study Programme on Human Rights for African Women in Kampala

Together with the World University Service (WUS) Austria and Uganda, the UN Division on the Advancement of Women in New York and the Makerere University Kampala, BIM helped to organise and to manage the Fifth Postgraduate Study Programme on Human Rights for African Women, which took place from 30 June to 25 July 1997 in Kampala and was funded by the Austrian Development Co-operation (Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs). The four-week specialised course was designed for graduate women from different

African countries who are active in educational institutions, legal assistance services, women`s organisations, task forces or self-help groups as well as in public administration. As member of the international steering committee, Manfred Nowak opened the study programme and taught a one-week course. Helmut Sax participated in and assisted the whole programme.

4. University Study Programme ‘Citizenship Education for Teachers’

This interdisciplinary university course for teachers of all types and levels of schools was established on the initiative of the Federal Ministries of Education, Science and Research and the University of Pedagogics in Klagenfurt in the late seventies. The optional course ‘Human Rights - Fundamental Rights’ has essentially been designed by Manfred Nowak and Hannes Tretter together with Raoul Kneucker (Federal Ministry of Science and Research). A first seminar was already held in 1980.

Since its foundation in 1992 BIM has gradually taken over the organisation of this optional course. This year`s seminar took place from 23 to 28 November in Söchau/Styria and was organised and conducted jointly by Manfred Nowak, Walter Suntinger, Barbara Weber and Helmut Sax. It dealt with a broad range of subjects, from global and European challenges to the protection of human rights over human rights problems in Austria to questions concerning the daily work at school. Each one-week seminar is followed by a practical training period, in the course of which teachers can put their knowledge into action in the framework of school projects and report on their experiences at evaluation meetings.

5. Further Human Rights Education and Training

5.1. „In-service teacher training in human rights and citizenship education in Bosnia and Herzegovina“ by the Council of Europe.

As the Austrian trainer, Barbara Weber participated in this summer course from 4 to 15 August in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Centre for Civic Education (USA). The course was attended by about 400 teachers, headmasters and school inspectors from Bosnia.

5.2. University courses and other academic teaching and training activities

In addition to teaching and lecturing activities at the University of Vienna and the Federal Academy of Public Administration, Manfred Nowak gave various courses on human rights issues at the Abo Academy (Swedish-speaking university in Turku/Finland), the European University Institute in Florence, the Vienna University Summer School in Strobl (Upper Austria), at the University of Istanbul, the Makerere-University in Kampala (Uganda) and at the High Court in Thimpu (Bhutan). Moreover, he lectured at universities and research centres in the Netherlands, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Finland, Switzerland, Italy, Canada and in the United States.

Within the framework of the studies of European law at the Faculty of Law in Vienna Hannes Tretter taught courses on ‘The Protection of Human Rights in Europe’ and offered the tutorials ‘OSCE-Process’ and ‘Fundamental Rights’. At the Austrian Conference on International Law 1997 he gave a lecture on ‘The Protection of Human Rights under the Dayton Agreement’, which will be published in 1998.

Walter Suntinger held lectures on the issues of international human rights protection and international organisations within the scope of the 'Mid West Consortium for Study Abroad' in Vienna and taught a class on human rights at the Adult Education Institute Hernalms. Furthermore, he lectured at an ELENA-seminar in Strasbourg and at a UNHCR training programme for judges in Stuttgart on the principle of non-refoulement as well as at an experts-workshop at the University of Bristol on the prevention of torture.

5.3. Seminar with Roma-Representatives from Eastern Europe

At the end of 1997, the preparatory work for a seminar with representatives of the Roma from several Eastern European countries was started. The seminar is organised under the auspices of BIM in co-operation with the Roma-Section of the Helsinki Citizen Assembly in Brno/Czech Republic and took place in Vienna in February 1998. Stephan Müller and Mirijam Karoly are in charge of the realisation of this project.

D. PREPARATION AND MONITORING OF ELECTIONS

On the occasion of the preparation of elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina Nikolaus Marschik was seconded as OSCE-observer from May until July 1997 to Gradacac/Federation and - as a short-term observer - to Zvornik/Republika Srpska.

Stephan Müller was in September 1997 engaged in the OSCE monitoring of the municipal elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina (Capljina).

Paul Angeli was active as supervisor for the municipal elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina (Olovo/Federation) as well as for the parliamentary elections in the Republika Srpska (Zvornik).

Renate Frech served as OSCE-election observer in April in Croatia and from June to July 1997 in Albania.

E. DOCUMENTATION

In mid-1997, due to austerity measures, our documentalist for many years, Marianne Geets had to be dismissed. This drastic measure had far-reaching effects on the documentation and on the data processing activities, which had to be restricted or, in the latter case, outsourced (to the external collaborators Florian Fuchs and Clemens Kuzmany). Since mid-1997 only books and, as before, the judgements of the European Court of Human Rights are registered on the computer data base (by Eva Fuchs). In addition, we continue to provide access to all human rights-related documents of the UN and the Council of Europe. Since mid-1997 BIM is also 'Depository Library' of the OSCE. Therefore, the whole set of documents provided by the OSCE-Secretariat in Vienna and important documents of the 'Human Dimension' of the OSCE are accessible at the BIM-library.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. BIM

The financial situation of the Institute continued to be precarious. Without any annual subsidy of the Ludwig Boltzmann Society, BIM had to rely entirely on other private and public contributions. In spite of this situation, the revenues (2.944.000) nearly equal the expenditures (2.954.000) of BIM during 1997.

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Federal Ministry of the Environment, Youth and Family Project UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	ATS 140.000
Vienna Integration Fund Project UN Convention against Racial Discrimination	ATS 125.000
Federal Ministry of Justice	ATS 100.000
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Human Rights Year 1998 Project Liberal Forum	ATS 30.000
Law Office Dr. Zitta & Schwendinger	ATS 10.000
Austria Tobacco Company	ATS 5.000
Austrian Postal Savings Bank	ATS 5.000

2. Association for the Promotion of BIM

In 1997, the income of the Association for the Promotion of BIM equalled the expenditures and amounted to slightly more than ATS 3 million. The membership fees totalled approximately ATS 20.000. BIM received ATS 90.000 from the Association for the scientific support of two projects. The Federal Ministry of Education and Culture contributed ATS 750.000 to the financing of the Service Centre for Human Rights Education. The project „Human Rights Year 1998“ was made possible through the contribution of ATS 700.000 by the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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