

SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON

THE ROLE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN COMBATING RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON PERSONS BELONGING TO NATIONAL MINORITIES AND MIGRANTS

29 - 30 May 2008 HOFBURG, VIENNA

The meeting will be preceded by a Side Event: Roundtable for Civil Society on 29 May, 9:00 - 13:00

AGENDA

Day 1 29 May 2008

15.00 - 16.00 **OPENING SESSION**:

Opening remarks

Ms. Johanna Suurpää

Ombudsman for Minorities of Finland, Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office

Ambassador Christian Strohal Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

Mr. Alcee L. Hastings

President Emeritus of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Keynote address

Mr. Morten Kjærum

Executive Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights and Designated Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Presentation of report from the side event: roundtable for civil society

Mr. Michael McClintock

Advisor to the Fighting Discrimination Programme, Human Rights First

Technical information by the OSCE/ODIHR

16.00 - 18.00

Session I: The role and mandate of National Institutions against Discrimination in combating racism and xenophobia

Introducers:

Ms. Anne Gaspard

Executive Director of Equinet, The European Network of Equality Bodies

Mr. Jozef De Witte

Director, Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism (Belgium)

Moderator:

Ms. Isil Gachet

Executive Secretary, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance

Discussion

Reception by Chairman-in-Office

Day 2

30 May 2008

09.00 - 12.00

Session II: Overcoming challenges in responding to racism and xenophobia with a special focus on persons belonging to national minorities and migrants

Introducers:

Mr. Vladimir Lukin

Human Rights Ombudsman of the Russian Federation

Ms. Pascale Charhon

Director, European Network Against Racism

Moderator:

Ms. Isabelle Chopin

Deputy Director, Policy Migration Group

Discussion

12.00 - 14.00

Lunch

14.00 - 16.00

Session III: Good practices and effective policy responses in combating racism and xenophobia

Introducers:

Ms. Marie-France Picart

Board Member of the High Authority to Fight Against Discrimination and for Equality, France (HALDE)

Ms. Naomi Churchill Earp

Chair of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Moderator:

Ambassador Brendan Moran

Director, OSCE Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities

Discussion

16.00 - 16.30

Break

16.30 - 17.30

CLOSING SESSION:

Reports by the Working Session Moderators

Closing Remarks

Ms. Anastasia Crickley

Personal Representative of the OSCE CiO on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions and Chairperson of the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (Ireland)

Ambassador Christian Strohal

Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

17:30 Close of Day 2