Permanent Council
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Ambassador Thomas Greminger
Mandate

Decision no. 17/06, Improvement of the consultative process:

- Discuss human dimension issues, including implementation of the commitments

- Support the preparation of the HDIM and other human dimension meetings

- Consider cross-dimensional issues with a particular connection to the human dimension, when so requested by the Chairmanship in consultation with participating States

- Discuss recommendations to the Permanent Council on the programme of work, including actions to follow up on recommendations made at the human dimension meetings;
Review of HDC in 2011

- 12 regular monthly HDC meetings, 3 special HDC meetings
- Structured agenda
- Monthly substantial exchanges on main topics
- Prominent speakers to introduce the main topics
  - Ambassador Lenarcic, director ODIHR
  - Ambassador Vollebaek, High commissioner on National minorities.
  - Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
  - Wendy Patten, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues
  - Roland Bless, principal advisor of the OSCE RFOM
  - Serghei Ostaf, Member of the OSCE/ODIHR Panel of Experts on Freedom of Assembly
  - Michael Head, former Chair of ECRI on hate crime
  - Fatos Araci, European Court of human rights
- Preparations of HD events and their follow-up
Structured agenda

1. Main topic
2. Preparation of and follow-up to Human Dimension events
3. Voluntary reports by the participating States on implementation of commitments and follow-up to recommendations
4. Briefing by OSCE executive structures
5. Any other business
Review of HDC in 2011

- Innovative voluntary reporting by 22 participating States
- Extensive interaction with the OSCE executive structures
- Process of review of human dimension events
- Constructive spirit without finger pointing
- Disappointing 2011 ministerial outcome in the human dimension.
Voluntary reports by participating States

- 24 voluntary report by participating States (2011-12)
  - Elections - follow-up given to ODIHR’s reports:
    - Albania
    - Austria
    - Finland
    - Moldova
    - Netherlands
    - Switzerland
  - Commitments related to equality, tolerance, and non-discrimination
    - Canada: Multiculturalism and diversity
    - Croatia: Reform of penal code and hate crime
    - Croatia: Hate crime
    - Croatia: Hate crime
    - United Kingdom: Combating hate crime
    - Poland: Prevention of hate crimes,
    - Turkey: Tolerance and non-discrimination (victims of holocaust)
  - Best practices and implementation of commitments:
    - Germany: Freedom of assembly
    - USA: Combat trafficking in persons
    - USA: Freedom of assembly
    - USA: Women, Peace and Security
    - Belgium: Counter-trafficking
    - Georgia: Freedom of the media
    - UK: Combating torture
    - Lithuania: Domestic violence
    - Portugal: Gender
    - Ukraine: Public information (legislation)
    - Serbia: National human rights institution
    - Switzerland: Implementation of UN Resolution 1325
Main objectives for 2012 HDC

- Consolidate the functioning of the HDC based on a **substantive work plan** and a **structured agenda**

- Contribute to building **trust and confidence** among participating States through a **balanced work plan**

- Achieve the necessary **formal PC decisions** on dates/agendas of human dimension events **in a timely and efficient manner**

- Contribute to obtaining **relevant MC decisions in targeted areas**

- Support the process on **the review of human dimension events** effectively
| **Durable solutions for refugees and IDPs in Western Balkans**  
*UNHCR SE Anne Willem Bijeveld* | **Gender issues**  
*OSCE Gender Adviser Mira Beham  
OSCE SR June Zeitlin* |
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| **Freedom of the media**  
*OSCE RFoM Dunja Mijatovic* | **Human rights education**  
*ODIHR, Pavel Chacuk* |
| **Tolerance and non-discrimination**  
*Personal Representatives on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination* | **War crime justice project**  
*ODIHR, Head of democratization Dpt, T. Vennen* |
| **Review of human dimension events**  
*Ximpulse, Swiss think-tank* | **Death penalty**  
*ODIHR* |
| **Combating torture**  
*UN SR Juan Méndez* | **Roma and Sinti**  
*ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti, Andrzej Mirga* |
| **Freedom of association and peaceful assembly**  
*UN SR Maina Kiai  
Michael Hamilton, ODIHR Advisory Panel* | **Combating trafficking in human beings**  
*OSCE SR Maria Grazia Giammarinaro* |
| **Economic, social, and cultural rights**  
*Eibe Riedel, International law expert* | **Right to a fair trial**  
*ODIHR* |
| **Human rights of IDPs**  
*UN SR Chaloka Beyani* | **Briefing by field operation** |
| **Human rights and national minorities**  
*Professor Thürer, International law expert* | **Freedom of religion or belief** |
| **Democratic elections, election observation**  
*ODIHR Director Janez Lenarčič* | **Hate crime** |
Next months ahead

- Monthly substantial and structured meetings
- Numerous voluntary reports by participating States
- Discussion on the review of human dimension events
- Possible cross-dimensional events (e.g. good governance, anti-terrorism and human rights)
- Ministerial council preparations