

**296th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 369  
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES, INDICATIVE AGENDA AND  
WORK PROGRAMME OF THE IMPLEMENTATION MEETING  
ON HUMAN DIMENSION ISSUES**

(Warsaw, 17 to 27 October 2000)

**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES**

1. The Implementation Meeting will begin with a plenary session. Discussions in subsequent working sessions will review both the implementation of Human Dimension commitments and the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with these commitments. The activities of the High Commissioner on National Minorities, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues will be addressed in the context of discussions on individual items relevant to their respective activities. In addition, one session will be devoted to the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with Human Dimension commitments. There will be two plenary sessions on the last day of the meeting.

A moderator and two rapporteurs will be appointed on the basis of proposals by the Chairperson-in-Office following appropriate consultations.

As a general rule, no intervention should exceed seven minutes. Statements exceeding this time limit or other written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation.

2. Broad attendance by representatives of all the participating States will be essential. Upon request, financial assistance could be provided from the OSCE Voluntary Fund to foster the integration of recently admitted participating States.

Participating States will endeavour to be represented at a high level, in particular at the closing plenary sessions, by those responsible for shaping their policies regarding Human Dimension issues.

Heads of other international organizations and institutions having relevant experience in the Human Dimension field will also be invited to participate, in particular in the closing plenary sessions.

3. The High Commissioner on National Minorities, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media and the Director of the ODIHR will be invited to participate in the meeting. They and/or their representatives will take part in discussions on all individual items relevant to the activities of their respective institution/body in order to assist the participating States in reviewing, *inter alia*, the institutional aspects of the implementation of OSCE Human Dimension commitments.

Heads of OSCE missions and field activities will be invited to participate in the meeting. They and/or their representatives will be free to contribute to any session of the meeting relevant to their activities.

4. All sessions will be open to non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The participation of NGOs in discussions will be in conformity with the relevant OSCE decisions, and in particular the modalities for the OSCE meetings on Human Dimension issues.

In order to provide better opportunities for contacts among delegates and NGOs, no formal sessions will be scheduled for the morning of 20 October and the afternoon of 26 October 2000.

5. In accordance with OSCE precedent and practice, all aspects of the Human Dimension may be discussed during the Implementation Meeting on Human Dimension Issues. The meeting will aim at enhancing co-operation to facilitate the implementation of Human Dimension commitments.

## II. INDICATIVE AGENDA

### 1. Opening Plenary

The plenary proceedings will consist of:

- (a) Opening statements, including a statement by a representative of the Chairperson-in-Office;
- (b) Report of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;
- (c) Report of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media;
- (d) Report of the Director of ODIHR.

2. Review of the Implementation of Human Dimension commitments by participating States in the OSCE area; consideration of ways and means of improving implementation, on the basis of the broadest possible information, in particular from OSCE bodies and institutions as well as a review of the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with particular commitments. The discussion will be structured in the following order, unless otherwise decided:

(a) Sessions 1-2

Session 1:

Democratic institutions, including:

- Free and fair elections
- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels
- Citizenship and political rights
- Civic Education

Session 2:

Rule of law, including:

- Legislative transparency
- Independence of the judiciary
- Right to a fair trial

Exchange of information on the question of the abolition of capital punishment

(b) Session 3

Freedom of expression, free media and information

(c) Sessions 4-5

Session 4:

Rights of the Child/Children and Armed Conflict

Culture and education

Session 5:

Prevention of torture and other inhuman treatment or punishment

International humanitarian law

(d) Session 6

Role of NGOs, including:

- Contribution of NGOs to the Human Dimension
- Co-operation between relevant NGOs and OSCE institutions and instruments
- Strengthening dialogue between governments and NGOs
- Training, capacity building

Freedom of association and the right of peaceful assembly

(e) Sessions 7-8

Gender issues, including equality of opportunity for women and men

Tolerance and non-discrimination:

- prevention of aggressive nationalism and chauvinism
- Ethnic cleansing
- Racism
- Xenophobia
- Anti-Semitism

Freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief

(f) Sessions 9-10

Session 9:

Roma and Sinti

Session 10:

National minorities

(g) Sessions 11-12

Freedom of movement

Migration, refugees and displaced persons

Migrant workers

Human contacts

Treatment of citizens of other participating States

Trafficking in Human Beings

(h) Session 13

Human Dimension in the work of OSCE field operations

Human Dimension mechanisms, procedures and seminars

Human Dimension issues at meetings of OSCE bodies

The functioning of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights  
(election and democratization sections and their activities)

Ways of enhancing co-operation and co-ordination between OSCE institutions and field operations as well as between OSCE and other international organizations including improved dissemination of information on the Human Dimension

Any other issues

3. Closing Plenary
  - (a) Presentation by the rapporteurs;
  - (b) Concluding statements (each not to exceed seven minutes)

### WORK PROGRAMME

Working hours: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Week 1		Tuesday 17 October	Wednesday 18 October	Thursday 19 October	Friday 20 October
Morning		PL	Session 2	Session 4	NGO
Afternoon		Session 1	Session 3	Session 5	Session 6

Week 2	Monday 23 October	Tuesday 24 October	Wednesday 25 October	Thursday 26 October	Friday 27 October
Morning	Session 7	Session 9	Session 11	Session 13	PL
Afternoon	Session 8	Session 10	Session 12	NGO meetings	PL

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