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DECISION No. 1296
TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR
IN WARSAW

The Permanent Council,

Decides that the Human Dimension Seminar will take place in Warsaw from 5 to 7 November 2018 and will be devoted to the topic “The Importance of the Impact of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the OSCE Human Dimension, and the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”;

Tasks the ODIHR with elaborating the agenda and modalities of the Seminar.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Turkey:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the Republic of Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Turkey attaches utmost importance to the work of the human dimension which constitutes an indispensable component of the comprehensive security concept of the OSCE. The participation of representatives of civil society enriches OSCE human dimension meetings. Turkey values their work and contribution to the advancement of the OSCE commitments.

Turkey has made its concerns with the participation of terror affiliates in OSCE human dimension meetings abundantly clear. Turkey has expressed its expectations on this matter on numerous occasions, including in the opening session of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, several meetings of the Permanent Council and in the 2017 Vienna Ministerial Council.

The OSCE, as a security organization intended to serve and advance the security of its participating States, including Turkey, must not offer a platform to the extensions of terrorist organizations posing an existential security threat against Turkey.

The clear rules in paragraph 16, Chapter IV, 1992 Helsinki Document and Permanent Council Decision No. 476 (2002), annex 3, paragraph 3 must be implemented.

While welcoming the recent efforts for resolving the problem, Turkey believes that the work in this direction needs to be collectively augmented as early as possible.

It is with this understanding that Turkey joins consensus on this decision. However, as long as our legitimate concerns are not addressed in a timely and satisfactory manner, Turkey reserves its right to object the other decision regarding the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the Human Dimension Seminar subject to the approval of the Permanent Council.

Mr. Chairperson, we ask that this statement be attached to the decision we have just adopted and also included in the journal of the day.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The delegation of Ukraine joined consensus on this decision in a spirit of compromise to enable preparation for the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting whose conduct was unreasonably conditioned by one delegation on adoption of this decision.

While highlighting the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the OSCE human dimension, the topic of this year’s Human Dimension Seminar includes reference to the anniversary of one document which is not part of the OSCE normative base agreed by the participating States in respective OSCE documents. In this regards the delegation of Ukraine proceeds from the understanding that this year’s Human Dimension Seminar will also allow to address other universal human rights instruments which have an anniversary of their adoption this year or have a significant bearing on the protection and promotion of human rights in the OSCE space.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to this decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”