**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**AT THE OSCE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING (HDIM)**

**§ 1. General provisions**

1. The persons participating in HDIM shall be hereinafter collectively referred to as Participants and individually as the Participant.
2. By using electronic self-registration, Participants express consent for their personal data to be processed by ODIHR in order to properly conduct the process of registration and organization.
3. By using electronic self-registration, Participants declare that they have read and understood this Code of Conduct and shall undertake to observe its provisions.

**§ 2. Safety and security of HDIM and its Participants**

1. The event management and security services shall be authorized to:
2. ask Participants for their personal identification documents in order to verify their identity and issue HDIM photo badges;
3. verify the right of Participants to partake in HDIM, as per approved HDIM photo badges, and in case of determining a lack of such authorization, call on them to leave the HDIM venue;
4. check the contents of the bags and clothes of Participants upon entry to the HDIM venue;
5. address Participants disturbing public order or failing to adhere to the Code of Conduct and, in case the disturbance of public order or non-adherence to the Code of Conduct continues, ask them to leave HDIM venue;
6. address national law enforcement structures in case any Participant is seen or suspected of violating the law, e.g., through theft, physical violence or committing any other unlawful act.
7. The actions referred to in point 1 a – e above shall be performed in a manner ensuring respect for human dignity and other personal rights of a person towards whom they are taken.
8. ODIHR reserves the right to the following:
9. refuse entry to Participants trying to bring to HDIM venue: weapons or other dangerous instruments, explosive materials, pyrotechnic articles, fire hazardous materials, abusive or psychotropic substances, and also toxic, corrosive or foul-smelling substances.
10. ask Participants to leave outside of HDIM venue:
    * flags, banners, or boards not directly associated with HDIM or exceeding the size of 1 m² (one square meter) due to the fact that they may obstruct view of other Participants, thus preventing them from full participation in HDIM, and may constitute a health hazard
    * mobile megaphones and other noise-emitting devices (e.g. trumpets, drums etc.)

ODIHR shall ensure an opportunity to deposit the aforementioned items outside of HDIM venue.

1. ask any Participant who nonetheless brings items referred to in § 2 point 3b above to remove such items and, in case of refusal, ask such Participant to leave HDIM venue.
2. Each Participant of HDIM shall undertake to behave in a manner not jeopardizing the safety of other Participants and other persons staying at HDIM venue, in particular to abide by the provisions of the Code of Conduct and the law, as well as immediately comply with the instructions from ODIHR staff and security services.
3. Any adult bringing minors to HDIM venue shall undertake to take care of and supervise the said minors.
4. It is strictly prohibited to block emergency exists and escape routes, access roads for emergency services and hydrants and other equipment necessary in case of conducting rescue or fire extinguishing operations during HDIM.
5. Any Participant of HDIM should take the following actions in case of identifying fire or any other risk to the persons and property at HDIM venue:
6. immediately inform security services or event management and move away from the immediate danger zone;
7. unconditionally follow the instructions of the bodies and services referred to in point a. above;
8. head to the emergency exists using the marked escape routes;
9. avoid spreading panic;
10. not hinder access routes for the rescue services.
11. Participants shall undertake to have adequate control over their own movable property brought to HDIM venue. In particular ODIHR shall not be liable for the loss, theft, damage, or destruction to the movable property of Participants.

**§ 3. Other provisions**

1. Participants shall refrain from presenting or shouting any slogans that might be:
2. provoking or urging to disturb order and safety,
3. likely to give rise to violence,
4. discriminating other persons on the basis of their race, color, sex, language, religion or belief, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status (Maastricht 2003, Ljubljana 2005),
5. condoning terrorism or the use of violence.

ODIHR reserves the right to instruct HDIM moderators to interrupt any Participant who speaks in violation of these principles. In case of repeated non-compliance ODIHR reserves the right to void the Participant of the right to speak at the session, or as a last resort of the right to further participate at HDIM.

1. As per Chapter IV, paragraph (16), of the Helsinki Document 1992, the provision of making “open to NGOs […] human rights implementation meetings” does not apply to “persons or organizations which […] publicly condone terrorism or the use of violence [...].”

ODIHR reserves the right to void any Participant in breach of the above principle the right to further participate at HDIM.

1. ODIHR shall not be liable for the contents or the form of any publications, promotional or other materials displayed by Participants during HDIM on a dedicated table outside the plenary hall.
2. Only registered Participants can submit documents to the ODIHR Documents Distribution System for distribution during HDIM. ODIHR bears no responsibility for the content of such documents received for distribution, and circulates them without altering their content. The distribution by the ODIHR Document Distribution System of documents received does not imply any endorsement by ODIHR and is without prejudice to OSCE decisions, as set out in documents agreed by OSCE participating States.
3. Holding exhibitions is not permitted, except if they are part of an approved side event, in which case they may only be held for the duration of the side event and in the room where it is taking place.
4. Participants should indicate to ODIHR HDIM staff in advance if they intend to hold a protest in the plenary hall. ODIHR reserves the right to allow only silent, non-intrusive protests, not obstructing the proceedings of the session, in the plenary hall, and direct all other protests outside of HDIM venue.
5. During the plenary working sessions, Participants who have signed up to the speakers’ list can only take the floor in the capacity in which they registered for HDIM. ODIHR reserves the right to instruct HDIM moderators to interrupt any Participant who speaks in violation of this provision and call on the next speaker from the list to take the floor.
6. Participants may not record HDIM plenary sessions using a camera or any other audio-video recording equipment or an interchangeable lens camera, except for accredited media representatives.
7. ODIHR reserves the right to ask any Participant who does not observe this rule to stop recording and, in case of non-compliance, to leave the plenary hall.
8. ODIHR also reserves the right to livestream HDIM and document it in a form of video or photographic recordings, and to publish the coverage on ODIHR’s website.

**§ 4. Final provision**

1. ODIHR reserves the right to amend the present Code of Conduct at any time.