

**Report by U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin  
Special Representative  
on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance  
Report February 10 – June 26, 2017**

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On March 9, 2015, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) President Ilkka Kanerva (MP, Finland) appointed U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin to serve as the OSCE PA's first Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance (SRARI). SR Cardin has been annually reappointed to the position since that time.

This report details SR Cardin's activities from February 10 – June 16, 2017, that, with the support of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, focus on the following four priorities the Special Representative has outlined for the year for this year: 1) anti-Semitism and community security; 2) anti-Muslim bigotry; 3) discriminatory policing; and 4) anti-migrant/refugee bias.

These activities include:

***Legislation***

- *May 3, 2017* - Cardin, Van Hollen Join Colleagues in Re-Introducing Historic, Comprehensive LGBT Non-Discrimination Legislation  
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-van-hollen-join-colleagues-in-re-introducing-historic-comprehensive-lgbt-non-discrimination-legislation->
- *April 25, 2017* - Cardin Introduces Bill to Improve Diversity in U.S. National Security Workforce. The legislation recognizes diversity of the U.S. national security workforce as a strategic asset and strengthens employee diversity in the U.S. national security workforce through enhanced hiring, retention, and growth practices by building upon President Obama's presidential memorandum for Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in the National Security Workforce and Executive Order 13583.  
<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/cardin-introduces-bill-to-improve-diversity-in-us-national-security-workforce>
- *February 16, 2017* - Cardin Introduces Bill to Ban Religious, Racial and Discriminatory Profiling by Law Enforcement. The End Racial and Religious Profiling Act (ERRPA) is

designed to enforce the constitutional right to equal protection of the laws by eliminating racial, religious and discriminatory profiling through changing the policies and procedures underlying the practice. <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-introduces-bill-to-ban-religious-racial-and-discriminatory-profiling-by-law-enforcement>

- *February 16, 2017* - Black History Month Floor Statement

<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/news/press-releases/black-history-month-floor-statement>

#### **Select Letter, Statements & Speeches**

- *June 22, 2017* - Senators Cardin and Van Hollen Urge Senate Appropriators to Decrease Funding for President Trump’s Deportation Force

<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/senators-cardin-and-van-hollen-urge-senate-appropriators-to-decrease-funding-for-president-trumps-deportation-force>

- *June 20, 2017* - Cardin, Colleagues Recognize World Refugee Day

<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-colleagues-recognize-world-refugee-day>

- *June 19, 2017* - Cardin Statement on Juneteenth 2017 – “This year, Juneteenth commemorates the 152nd anniversary of the date on which slavery legally ended in the United States.” <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-juneteenth-2017>

- *June 16, 2017* - Cardin Statement on LGBT Pride 2017

<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-lgbt-pride-2017>

- *May 25 and February 10, 2017* - Cardin Statement on 4th Circuit Decision to Continue Suspension of Immigration Orders

<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-4th-circuit-decision-to-continue-suspension-of-immigration-orders> and

<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-9th-circuit-decision-to-continue-suspension-of-immigration-orders>

- *May 18, 2017* - Cardin Writes to Trump Ahead of First Trip Abroad as President asks President to demonstrate commitment to U.S. global leadership, universal human rights, sustained partnership with allies

<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/cardin-writes-to-trump-ahead-of-first-trip-abroad-as-president>

- *May 10, 2017* - Cardin Requests U.S. Humanitarian or Refugee Status for Persecuted LGBT Individuals in Chechnya, Russia  
<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/cardin-requests-us-humanitarian-or-refugee-status-for-persecuted-lgbt-individuals-in-chechnya-russia>
- *April 24, 2017* - Cardin Statement on Yom HaShoah 2017  
<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/cardin-statement-on-yom-hashoah-2017>
- *April 21, 2017* - Cardin, Senators Question DHS About Revoking Global Entry Status Based on Religion <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-senators-question-dhs-about-revoking-global-entry-status-based-on-religion>
- *April 19, 2017* - Cardin Urges Baltimore Leaders, Citizens to Redouble Efforts on Civil Rights, Criminal Justice Reforms  
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-urges-baltimore-leaders-citizens-to-redouble-efforts-on-civil-rights-criminal-justice-reforms>
- *April 17, 2017* - Cardin Statement on Reported Anti-LGBT Campaign in Chechnya  
<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/cardin-statement-on-reported-anti-lgbt-campaign-in-chechnya>
- *April 7 and March 22, 2017* - Cardin Roundtable Explores Local Effects of Trump Domestic Immigration Policies <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-roundtable-explores-local-effects-of-trump-domestic-immigration-policies> and <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-roundtable-spotlights-importance-of-repeated-judicial-rejections-of-trumps-proposed-muslim-bans>
- *March 23, 2017* - Cardin Praises FBI, Intelligence Community for Swift Arrest in Threats Against Jewish Community Centers and Schools  
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-praises-fbi-intelligence-community-for-swift-arrest-in-threats-against-jewish-community-centers-and-schools>
- *March 15 and 6, 2017* - Cardin on the Latest Rejection of President Trump’s Discriminatory Travel and Refugee Ban “Despite minor changes, the Administration’s new executive order is just as legally objectionable and morally reprehensible as the original.”  
<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/cardin-on-the-latest-rejection-of-president-trumps-discriminatory-travel-and-refugee-ban> and

<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/cardin-statement-on-trumps-new-refugee-travel-ban>

- *March 1, 2017* - Team Maryland Calls on U.S. Attorney, FBI to Investigate Hate Crimes in Maryland, Following Local and National Anti-Semitic Threats and Incidents  
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/team-maryland-calls-on-us-attorney-fbi-to-investigate-hate-crimes-in-maryland-following-local-and-national-anti-semitic-threats-and-incidents>
- *February 22, 2017* - Cardin Statement on the Trump Administration's Reversal of Transgender Protections for Students  
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/03/02/2017/cardin-statement-on-the-trump-administrations-reversal-of-transgender-protections-for-students>
- *February 21, 2017* - Disturbed by Recent Incidents, Cardin Calls on Leaders at All Levels to Denounce Anti-Semitic Incidents and Other Hate-Based Threats  
<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/disturbed-by-recent-incidents-cardin-calls-on-leaders-at-all-levels-to-denounce-anti-semitic-incidents-and-other-hate-based-threats>
- *February 21, 2017* - Cardin Says New DHS Guidelines on Immigration Will Harm National Security and Public Safety <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-says-new-dhs-guidelines-on-immigration-will-harm-national-security-and-public-safety>
- *February 20, 2017* - Senators View Security, Immigration Processing Operations at U.S.-Mexico Border <https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/senators-view-security-immigration-processing-operations-at-us-mexico-border>

#### **Meetings, Consultations, Events**

- Dr. Ethel Brooks, Chair of the Board of the European Roma Rights Center
- consultations with Romani civil society in Romania and Hungary
- consultations and events focused on diverse communities and inclusion with government officials and civil society in France, Spain, and Belgium (EU)
- Michael Whine, ECRI Board Member
- consultations and events with U.S. and European diverse politicians and civil society leaders of the Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network (TILN) on inclusive society initiatives

## **Appendix I**

### **Mandate of the Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance**

The mandate of the OSCE PA Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance is to:

- Raise awareness in and report to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on the persisting problem of prejudice and discrimination in the OSCE area, including anti-Semitism, other religion- and race-based intolerance and other forms of intolerance;
- Raise awareness in and report to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on the track records of OSCE participating States in combating these problems;
- Advise the Assembly on the implementation of its agreed policies in these matters as well as on the development of new policies and strategies, including on how to protect the individuals and communities affected;
- Seek to promote dialogue and exchange of best practices within the Assembly on combating these problems, and;
- Communicate with relevant actors within the OSCE who work on combating prejudice and discrimination in the OSCE area, including anti-Semitism, other religion- and race-based intolerance and other forms of intolerance.