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FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

25 Years of Parliamentary Co-operation: Building Trust Through Dialogue

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1. Recognizing that the concept of indivisible security, linking political, economic, environmental, human rights and humanitarian issues are fundamental to the OSCE's success and relevance,
2. Stressing that throughout history the deprioritizing of human and democratic rights has regularly led to violent change and conflict, underscoring the importance of these human security aspects to long-term stability,
3. Recalling that by putting individual human rights at the heart of the security agenda in the Helsinki Final Act, the High Representatives of our countries showed real vision and leadership, and believing that the OSCE still has a unique role to play in ensuring the respect for human rights in the region,
4. Concerned by the lack of agreement among OSCE participating States to any noteworthy commitments in the human dimension in recent years, and further concerned that this inability to reach consensus on human dimension decisions by the OSCE Ministerial Council in recent years indicates a crisis of ideas and leadership in this field among OSCE governments,
5. Emphasizing that this lack of ideas and leadership is undermining the credibility of the OSCE and its unique concept of security,
6. Expressing its appreciation for the work and achievements of the OSCE/ODIHR, the Representative on Freedom of the Media, and OSCE field missions in promoting human rights in the region,
7. Concerned that the lack of leadership in human rights is reaching a critical level at precisely the moment when human rights principles in Europe are being strained by unprecedented migration and refugee flows,
8. Deeply concerned that the response by many countries to the recent mass migration flows has been to close their borders rather than to actually respond to the humanitarian crisis, in the seeming hope that other countries will address the problem,
9. Taking note of the specific needs and vulnerabilities of women migrants,
10. Noting also that OSCE commitments to facilitate freer movement of people and humanitarian response date back to the Helsinki Final Act more than forty years ago, with additional commitments in 1992, 1994, 1996, 2004 and 2005,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

11. Considers that the tendency to focus on work in political and economic fields, to the detriment of the human dimension, threatens to undermine the multidimensional approach to human security that lies at the foundation of the OSCE;
12. Notes that the lack of consensus in recent years on human dimension-related decisions by OSCE participating States points to a growing crisis of leadership in the OSCE area;
13. Emphasizes that in addition to a crisis of ideas in the human dimension, the OSCE region is experiencing a crisis of implementation of human dimension commitments, with violations of human rights regularly noted both East and West of Vienna;
14. Calls on participating States to sincerely and proactively engage in their current commitments to the human dimension, and to undertake open dialogue on broadening these commitments;
15. Recognizes the important role of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in promoting open discussions and engaging on all levels on the most pressing human rights and humanitarian concerns facing the OSCE's people;
16. Calls upon the OSCE participating States to recognize the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people as inherent in the human rights enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act, and other CSCE and OSCE documents since that time;
17. Calls on OSCE participating States to reaffirm that fundamental freedoms are absolute and are not subject to restrictions when they become inconvenient;
18. Calls upon participating States to make full use of the OSCE's toolkit in addressing human security issues, particularly in the field of migration;
19. Calls on OSCE participating States to immediately stop imposing legal and physical barriers to the movement of people fleeing violence and to actively work toward an inclusive approach to migrants and refugees;
20. Stresses the importance of a balanced approach to migration, prioritizing the rights of those fleeing violence, and only imposing a minimum of obstacles to ensure the safety of migrants and the broader public;
21. Draws attention to the progressive 'securitization' of the migrant crisis and the risks this poses for adequate consideration to be given to the human rights of those affected;
22. Draws attention to the need for a gender-sensitive approach to human security issues, and requests that the specific needs of women are integrated into all work, particularly in the sphere of migration;
23. Calls on the OSCE participating States to consider the establishment of both a high-level OSCE co-ordinating body on migration, as well as a thematic field mission on migration, enabling more focused and coherent responses to the challenges currently facing the region;

24. Encourages participating States to include refugees and asylum-seekers within the national labour market at the earliest possible stage, including through ensuring that asylum seekers have legal access to the labour market and vocational training already while their legal status is pending;
25. Calls on participating States to increase their support and protection to refugees and migrants, aimed at better burden-sharing and mutual solidarity.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

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