

**Memorandum of Understanding  
for Cooperation  
between the  
OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)  
and the  
Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education,  
Remembrance and Research (ITF)**

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (ITF),

Taking into account relevant Ministerial Council (MC) decisions of participating States of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) including

- MC.DEC/12/04 on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination,
- MC.DEC/10/05 on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination: Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding and
- MC.DEC/13/06 on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding,

Recalling the commitments made by OSCE participating States under the aforementioned MC Decisions to promote educational programmes for combating anti-Semitism and the remembrance of the Holocaust;

Also recalling the tasks given to ODIHR under these MC Decisions including to

- Follow closely, in full co-operation with relevant international institutions and NGOs, anti-Semitic incidents in the OSCE area making use of all reliable information available;
- Systematically collect and disseminate information throughout the OSCE area on best practices for preventing and responding to anti-Semitism and, if requested, offer advice to participating States in their efforts to fight anti-Semitism;
- Offer advice to participating States on Holocaust education and remembrance, on establishing programmes offering assistance to participating States;
- Continue its co-operation with other OSCE structures and institutions, as well as with the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UNCERD), the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR), the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC), the Task Force for International Co-operation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research;

Taking into account the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust of January 2000, containing the principles upon which the work of the ITF is based;

Recalling the commitment shared by the ITF member States to encourage the study of the Holocaust in all its dimensions, to promote education about the Holocaust in schools and universities and to encourage other institutions to do likewise;

Recalling, also, the commitment shared by the ITF member States to facilitate the opening of archives in order to ensure that all documents that bear witness to the Holocaust are available to researchers;

Recalling the need to cooperate on issues relating to youth, such as youth policy, youth and civil society, training of youth workers and youth leaders, human rights education for young

people, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and the role of young people therein, as well as the need to reach out to young people;

Recalling the importance of education on the Holocaust and on anti-Semitism as means for preventing and responding to all forms of intolerance and discrimination, as well as for promoting integration and respecting diversity;

Recalling the determination of the ITF to raise awareness and promote research into the causes of the Holocaust, its driving forces and mechanisms, with a view to preventing genocide, ethnic cleansing, racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia.

Determined to develop and ensure close co-operation on promoting Holocaust remembrance and education as well as education on anti-Semitism in order to ensure a systematic approach to education, including curricula related to contemporary forms of anti-Semitism;

Have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding:

#### **Article 1**

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to develop and ensure close cooperation between the ODIHR and the ITF on Holocaust remembrance, education and research.

2. Co-operation between ODIHR and the ITF will be based on a free flow of mutually useful information and common strengths fulfilling relevant mandates, while taking into account the different institutional structures of ODIHR and the ITF.

#### **Article 2**

ODIHR will inform the ITF about the results of its work programmes and activities within the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding and will, based on the availability of resources, assist the ITF in widening its European geographical scope.

#### **Article 3**

The ITF will inform ODIHR on developments in the areas of Holocaust education, remembrance and research in the member states of the former. As appropriate, and based on the availability of resources, the ITF will put at the disposal of ODIHR its network of expertise in this field.

#### **Article 4**

The ITF and ODIHR will exchange relevant information in the area of combating anti-Semitism, including information about their programmes and activities. As appropriate, and based on the availability of resources, both organizations will invite each other to relevant activities and undertake to put at each other's disposal their respective networks of expertise in this field.

#### **Article 5**

The ITF and ODIHR will prepare and carry out joint work programmes in fields of mutual interest, aiming to initiate joint activities, projects, guidelines, reports and publications where deemed relevant, taking into consideration their work programmes, their respective procedures and their available financial resources. Thereby, they will avoid unnecessary duplication of activities and publications.

#### **Article 6**

The ITF and ODIHR will assist each other by sharing their networks of governmental and non-governmental institutions and experts.

#### **Article 7**

Arrangements for the implementation of joint activities will be set forth in exchanges of letters between the Chair of the ITF and the Director of ODIHR.

#### **Article 8**

The Executive Secretary of the ITF and a representative of ODIHR will hold at least one round of annual consultations in accordance with Articles 2 to 6.

#### **Article 9**

ODIHR and the ITF will take the necessary steps to maximize the visibility of their joint projects.

#### **Article 10**

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of or relating to the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled by mutual consultation.

#### **Article 11**

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be construed as creating a joint venture, an agency relationship or a legal partnership between ODIHR and the ITF.

#### **Article 12**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the day of its signature, and shall remain in force for an unlimited period of time. However, either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six months written notice to the other Party.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement through an exchange of letters between the Chair of the ITF and the Director of ODIHR. Such amendments will become effective from the day on which they have been signed by the two Parties.

Signed in Jerusalem on 21 July 2010, in two original copies in English.

For the ITF

  
Dan Tichon  
Chair

For ODIHR

  
Ambassador Janez Lenarčič  
Director