



## **Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting**

### **Promotion of Gender Balance and Participation of Women in Political and Public Life**

**6-7 May 2010**

**Hofburg, Vienna**

#### **AGENDA**

##### **Day 1**

**6 May 2010**

15:00 – 16:00

##### **OPENING SESSION**

*Opening remarks*

Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office

**H.E. Gulshara Abdykalikova**, Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chair of the Commission for Women's Affairs, Family and Demographic Policy

**Ambassador Janez Lenarčič**, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

*Keynote speech*

**Ms. Elza Pais**, Secretary of State for Equality, Portugal

*Technical information by the OSCE/ODIHR*

16:00-18:00

##### **Session I: Promoting gender equality in the OSCE region – Progress achieved and challenges ahead**

**Introducer:** **Ms. Mette Kongslem**, Director, EurAsia Research and Strategy

**Moderator:** **Dr. Nadezda Shvedova**, Co-Founder of "Women's Forum," Russian Federation

*Discussion*

***Reception***

## Day 2

7 May 2010

10:00 – 12:00

### **Session II: Empowering women as political party members and as elected officials**

**Introducer:** Ms. Aitkul Samakova, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Social Affairs Council of the Nur-Otan Faction in the Majlis of Parliament, Republic of Kazakhstan

**Prof. Dr. Werner Zögernitz**, President of the Institute for Parliamentarism and Democracy Questions, Austria

**Moderator:** Ms. Lenita Freidenvall, Researcher, Women in Politics Research Centre, University of Stockholm

*Discussion*

12:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-16:00

### **Session III: Ensuring gender balance and women's effective participation in public life**

**Introducer:** Ms. Rusudan Kervalishvili, Deputy Chair of Parliament of Georgia, Chair of the Gender Equality Advisory Council of Parliament.

**Moderator:** Ms. Damira Sartbaeva, Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM Regional Office for the Commonwealth of Independent States

*Discussion*

16:00 – 16:30

Break

16:30 – 17:30

### **CLOSING SESSION**

Reports by the Session Moderators; Comments from the floor

*Closing Remarks*

Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office

**Ambassador Janez Lenarčič**, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR