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Please find attached the letters of re-appointment and the annexed operational arrangements for the three Personal Representatives of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, as part of the overall fight of the OSCE in combating discrimination and promoting tolerance.



The Belgian Chairmanship 2006

datum 18/01/2006

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**Concerns : Extension of your mandate as Personal Representative of the OSCE
Chairman-in-Office**

Excellency,

I was most pleased to learn that you are prepared to continue to serve as the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions during the Belgian OSCE-Chairmanship in 2006. Your appointment is one distinct part of the overall fight of the OSCE in combating discrimination and promoting tolerance.

In conformity with paragraph 5 of Decision No.12/04 on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination of the Sofia Ministerial Council, your appointment by the former OSCE Chairman-in-Office Solomon Passy on the 23rd of December 2004 and your reappointment by the former OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dr. Dimitrij Rupel on the 7th of January 2005, the Chairman hereby extends your appointment as his Personal Representative on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other religions, in a part-time capacity, for the duration of the Belgian Chairmanship in 2006.

Your mandate will continue to be to:

- promote better coordination of participating States' efforts aimed at the effective implementation of relevant Ministerial and Permanent Council Decisions in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination, and cooperate with the Chairmanship-in-Office in this field, in this context paying special attention to all forms of intolerance and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions in the OSCE region.

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- cooperate and coordinate with the Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-Office for: a) Combating anti-Semitism and for b) Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, in the implementation of their respective mandates, and while maintaining your distinct focus and avoiding duplication, ensure that your activities are complementary.
- cooperate and coordinate with the ODIHR, as your activities will reinforce those of the Office.
- cooperate and coordinate, as appropriate, with other OSCE Institutions, including the Representative of the Freedom of the Media, the High Commissioner on National Minorities, with the OSCE Secretariat as well as with relevant international organizations and NGOs in order to avoid duplication of efforts.
- consult with the Chairmanship-in-Office in advance on all planned activities and regularly report to the Chairmanship-in-Office and the Permanent Council. In assisting the Chairmanship-in-Office, cooperate with all participating States in an impartial manner. You shall discharge your functions and regulate your conduct with the interest of the OSCE only in mind and shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any Government or participating State, or from any authority external to the OSCE.
- for the purposes of accountability and transparency, OSCE administrative policies and procedures are to be applied for the administrative arrangements.

Annexed you find our common operational arrangements for 2006. I trust that these arrangements meet the requirements for a fruitful cooperation between yourself and the Belgian Chairmanship.

I very much look forward to working with you.



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Operational arrangements

The basis for these operational arrangements are the Ministerial and Permanent Council Decisions in the area of tolerance and non-discrimination, as well as the respective mandates for the three Personal Representatives as formulated in the letters of appointment. The arrangements recognize and take into account the fact that the three Personal Representatives serve on a part-time and honorary basis.

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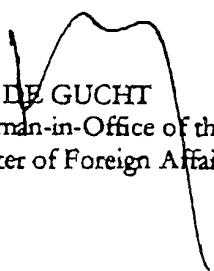
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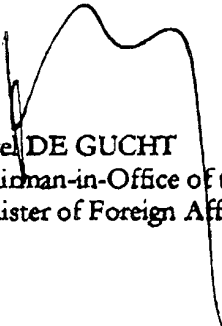
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