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ROUND TABLE ON COMBATING RACISM AND INTOLERANCE IN FINLAND

Organised in cooperation by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance and the
Finnish Non-Discrimination Ombudsman

Helsinki - Congress Paasitorni – 7 May 2015

9:00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

9.30 - 9.45 OPENING

Opening statements

- Mr Rainer Hiltunen, Office of the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman
- Mr Mirosław Wyrzykowski, ECRI's Vice-Chair

SESSION I - ECRI'S REPORT ON FINLAND

Chair: Mr Mirosław Wyrzykowski, ECRI's Vice-Chair

9.45 - 9.50 Introduction by the Chair

9.50 - 10.10 ECRI's report on Finland: Key observations and recommendations

Mr Stefano Valenti, ECRI's Secretariat

10.10 - 10.30 The follow-up procedure on ECRI's recommendations

Ms Krista Oinonen, Legal Councillor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Unit
for Human Rights Courts and Conventions





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10.30 - 10.45

Discussion

SESSION II - ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION OMBUDSMAN

Chair: Ms Sirpa Rautio, Director, Human Rights Centre

10.45 - 10.50

Introduction by the Chair

10.50 - 11.00

European standards: ECRI's General Policy Recommendations No. 2 and No. 7 and the EU Equal Treatment Directives

Mr Stefano Valenti, ECRI's Secretariat

11.00 - 11.20

Non-Discrimination Act (1325/2014) and the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman

Mr Rainer Hiltunen, Office of the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman

11.20 - 11.40

Discussion

Coffee break

11.40 - 12.00

SESSION III - DISCRIMINATION IN ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT: PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES

Chair: (TBC)

12.00 - 12.05

Introduction by the Chair

12.05 - 12.25

Good practices in combating discrimination in employment



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Dr Ronald Craig, Senior Advisor at the Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud

12.25- 12.45

Measures to combat discrimination against and exploitation of immigrants in the employment sector

Ms Kristina Stenman, Director, Unit on Integration of Immigrants, Ministry of Employment and the Economy

12.45 - 13.00

Discussion

Lunch

13.00 - 14.15

SESSION IV - COMBATING RACISM AND INTOLERANCE IN POLITICAL DISCOURSE

Chair: Dr Reetta Toivanen, member of ECRI

14.15 - 14.20

Introduction by the Chair

14.20 - 14.40

Observations from the 2015 Parliamentary elections in Finland

Mr Matti Välimäki, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Parliamentary Studies, University of Turku

14.40 - 15.10

How can we change the discursive climate? Examples of collaborative projects in Finland

Dr Anna Rastas, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Social Research (IASR), University of Tampere

15.10 - 16.00

Discussion

16.00 - 16.30

CLOSING

