Regional Human Rights Seminar Bratislava May 22-27, 1995

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Day 1. Monday 22. 1995

Politics of Human Rights

8 AM Breakfast

9 AM Welcome: Ruth Selwyn, Silvia Mihalikova, Magda Opalski, Piotr Dutkiewicz

9.30 AM - 12 PM Roundtable on Human Rights Politics (followed by a discussion period) Chair: Piotr Dutkiewicz

> Magda Opalski. Human Rights: How Universal?
> Ivan Jaworsky. Human Rights and the Unresolved
> Question of Individual vs. Collective Rights.
> Aap Neljas. Trends in Human Rights Politics in Central Eastern Europe

12.30 PM Lunch

2 PM - 5 PM Human Rights. A Year in Retrospect Chair: Ivan Jaworsky

Main Trends in and Challenges to Human Rights: a

Country by Country Overview

6.30 PM Supper in a restaurant Day 2. Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Ethnic Minorities and Their Rights in Central Eastern Europe

8 AM

Breakfast

9 AM - 12 PM

Minority Rights in Eastern Europe

Chair: Magda Opalski

Slawek Lodzinski. Legal Protection of Minorities in Post-Communist Europe

Ilona Tomova. Gypsies in Eastern Europe Zora Butorova. National Minorities in Slovakia Peter Huncik. Hungarians in Slovakia: the Hungarian

Perspective

Grigorij Meseznikov. Polit: Question" in Eastern Europe Meseznikov. Politics of the "Jewish

1 PM

Lunch

2 - 4 PM

NGO training: Danuta Przywara and Marek Nowicki (1) Fundrising Training for East European Human Rights

4.30 - 5.30 PM

Terrance L. Mooney. Building Civil Society

6.30 PM

Supper

7.30 PM

Meeting with Representatives of National Minorities in Slovakia. Folk Music.

Day 3. Wednesday, May 24, 1995

Seminar on Multiculturalism in Canada: Can Some of Its Elements Be Applied in Eastern Europe

8 AM

Breakfast

9 AM - 12 AM

The Canadian Perspective (followed by a discussion period) Chair: Terrance L. Mooney

Raymond Breton. The Main Philosophical, Social and Political Assumptions of Multiculturalism. Success or Failure?
Vince Wilson. Multiculturalism: a Policy for Europe of Tomorrow?
Judy Young: Government Programs in Support of Multiculturalism: Languages in a Multicultural Society
Ivan Jaworsky. Quebec and Its European "analogies": how Valid are the Comparisons?

12.30 PM

Lunch

1.45 - 4 PM

The East European Response (followed by a discussion period) Chair: Ivan Jaworsky

Slawek Lodzinski. Is Europe Becoming an "immigrant society"? Possible Lessons from Canada Ilona Tomova. Education for Diversity. Can Europe Learn From the Canadian Experience? Silvia Mihalikova. The Autonomy Debate. Can it Work in Eastern Europe?

4.15 PM

Press Conference

5 - 7 PM

NGO Training (2). Danuta Przywara and Marek Nowicki Joining the International Human Rights Movement: Strategies, Techniques, Networking

7 PM

Supper

Day 4. Thursday, May 25, 1995

Migration and Refugee Flows as a Human Rights Problem

8 AM

Breakfast

9 - 11 AM

Migration and Internal Displacement in Europe Chair: Silvia Mihalikova

Magda Opalski. East West Migration and Refugee Flows Judy Young. The Canadian Experience in Integrating Immigrants and Refugees Jan Sikuta. Migration and Refugee Problems in the Former Czechoslovakia 11 - 11.15 AM Coffee break

11.15 AM - 1.15 PM

An Overview of Migration-Related Problems on a Country by Country Basis, presented by the national delegations Chair: Piotr Dutkiewicz

1.15 PM

Lunch

2.30 - 4.30 PM

NGO Training. Boris Tsilevich (1) Computer and E-Mail Training

6.30 PM

Supper

7 PM

The Death Penalty Debate in Eastern Europe

Chair: Ruth Selwyn

Presentation: John Young

Day 5. Friday 26, 1995

Human Right NGOs in Post-Communist Eastern Europe

8 AM

Breakfast

9 AM - 12 PM

East European NGOs in a Changing Political

Environment

Chair: Zuzanna Szatmary

Piotr Dutkiewicz. NGOs vs. the State in

Post-Communist Eastern Europe

Miroslav Kusy. NGOs in Post-Communist Society Silvia Mihalikova. Human Rights and Changes in

Political Values

Alexei Avtonomov. Building NGOs in Russia

12.30 PM

Lunch

2.30 - 4.30 PM

NGO Training. Boris Tsilevich (2) Computer and E-Mail Training

6.30 PM

Supper

8 PM

Party

Day 6. Saturday, May 27, 1995

East European NGOs and the International Human Rights Movement

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Breakfast

9 - 11 AM

How to Handle the Media? Chair: Boris Tsilevich

Evelyn Abitbol. East European Human Rights and Western Media. How to Attract Their Attention? Andrej Skolkay. Freedom of Speech and Human Rights Problems in Slovakia

12 PM

Departure for a guided trip of Bratislava and the capital region. (Lunch, Supper. Late return to Druzba)