

Expert Workshop

“Police complaints mechanisms: ensuring independence and effectiveness”

Strasbourg, 26-27 May 2008

Programme

Monday, 26 May 2008

9:00 *Registration*

9.30 **Opening session**

§ Commissioner Thomas HAMMARBERG - objectives of workshop

Introduction of participants

§ Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights

Presentation by Mr Lawrence EARLY, Section Registrar, ECtHR

10:00

§ Standards and experience of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)

Presentation by Mr Ales BUTALA, member of CPT

10:20 *Discussion*

10.40 Coffee break

11:00 **1st session – independence and effectiveness**

§ Belgium – Standing Police Monitoring Committee

Presentation by Mr André VANDOREN, President, and Mr Gil. L. BOURDOUX, member

§ Northern Ireland, UK – Police Ombudsman

Presentation by Mr. Herbert Alan HUTCHINSON, Police Ombudsman

12:00 *Discussion*

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 **2nd session – role of the prosecutor**

§ Norway – Special Investigation Unit for Police Affairs

Presentation by Mrs. Guro KLEPPE, Legal adviser

§ Sweden – Specialised prosecutor and investigation unit

Presentation by Mr. Kristian AUGUSTSSON, Chief prosecutor and Ms. Kaicy NORDIN, Head of investigation unit

15:00 *Discussion*

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **3rd session – establishing new mechanisms**

§ Ireland – Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission

§ Hungary – Independent Police Complaint Commission

Presentation by Mr Jenő KALTENBACH, Chairman

17:00 *Discussion*

17:30 Close of first day

18:00 **Reception**

Tuesday, 27 May 2008

09:00 **Session 4 – thematic concerns**

§ Racially motivated misconduct

Presentation by Mr. Giancarlo CARDINALE, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance Secretariat

§ Homophobia – experience of complaints against the police by LGBT community

Presentation by Mr Vic CODLING, National coordinator of the UK Gay Police Association

10:00 *Discussion*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Concluding session**

§ *Conclusions* by the Rapporteur, Dr Graham SMITH, University of Manchester

§ *Discussion*

§ *Closing* by Commissioner Thomas HAMMARBERG

12:00 **Close**