

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM COMMISSION ON 10 TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

On 10 th September 2016, planned meeting of the Human Rights and Freedom Commission (further herein referred to as "HRFC") of Federation des Barreaux d' Europe (further herein referred to as the "FBE") was held in Poznań Bar (Poland).

The following persons took part in the meeting:

1. Mr Artur Wierzbicki - *President of Human Rights Freedom Commission of FBE,*
2. Mrs Renata Karbowska- Kuźma - *secretary of Human Rights Freedom Commission of FBE,*
3. Ms Sara Chandler – *Vice President of FBE,*
4. Mr Marc Wesser – *Vice President of Human Rights Freedom Commission of FBE,*
5. Mr Jose Ramon Anton Boix,
6. Mrs Izaskun Azpitarte Astobiza
7. Ms.Izabella Konopacka
8. Mr Paweł Koehler
9. Mr Jarosław Rymer

The President confirmed that all Members of the HRFC had been duly invited to participate in the meeting.

The President announced the following agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Taking the chair of the meeting and presentation of all members of HRFC.
3. Commission activity for last some months and next 6 months.
4. Motions, recommendations, determining dates and places of next meetings of the
5. HRFC, close the meeting.

Re.1.

The Meeting started at 12.30 p.m.

The President checked the presence of the members and informed that a few persons, who confirmed, didn't come.

Re.2.

Once again the President of the commission presented information about the Commissions and its goals. The all participants presented what they have done (work for HR&FC) since May 2016 in Strasbourg.

Jose Ramon:

We started crowdfunding campaign for our project dedicated to refugees, immigrants in camps. We need more people (exactly lawyers, experts in international law) to work. We have to pay them for help even slightly. Now about 20 people work in camps. In some camps there are small legal education centers.

There are different people in camps. Poor and quite rich (have telephones, mobiles, tablets etc.). Some really need help.

Moreover he explains how they help people in the camps (e.g. give advice, solve legal problem in camps concerning violence, their rights and duties, obligations)

Izaskun Azpitarte:

If there are any recommendations to go to exact country? e.g. Germany, Denmark

Jose Ramon denied, but they know where is good social. Refugees situation in camps is terrible. It is only temporary solution.

Artur Wierzbicki told about his own remarks from Calais (France).

Iza Konopacka told about her own observations from Italy *near Switzerland border*.

Summary:

Sara Chandler:

formal request to General Assembly is needed from Madrid Bar for financial support. Also proposition to spread project for Europe. In Luxemburg Commission should prepare presentation of project.

Resolution in this meeting to assembly:

Resolution no 1

FBE should support "Greek refugees project" in all ways, especially financial way.

Artur Wierzbicki told that Poznan's Bar (hosting Bar for HRFC) wants to found new Commission "The Human Rights Commission". In Poznan's Bar there are a lot of people who want to work in this way.

Information from Artur Wierzbicki about immigrants/refugees situation in Poland.

Summary:

We should educate ourselves in immigrants/ refugees topic. Only then we can effectively help them. If the commission will be created then we should educate younger in school about human rights and how to respect other people.

Paweł Koehler speaking:

We are not free from emigrants problem.
We should do everything to understand that topic.
We need some programs to help them.

Mark Wasser:

Some regions in Germany want to limit refugees.
People want to forget history that's bad way.

Sara Chandler:

We must remember our history.
Legal education in school is very important.
Media, social media has big influence, support in network is very important.

Iza Konopcka:

Consider to include other bars to the programme
Prepare some cases, topic for discussion about human rights.
The role for us (Lawyers) is to educate young people.
Open for others in need.

President of the Commission- next topic to work is situation in Turkey:

We should observe more and read more about situation in Turkey. How we can help lawyers there? In Luxemburg we'll discuss Turkey case. Prepare information about our observation.

Izaskun and Marc will be responsible for "Turkey".

Artur Wierzbicki told about Colombian Caravana 2016.

The "Columbian Caravana 2016 Report" will be presented by the President at the Conference in Luxemburg at the meeting with the Presidency and at the General Assembly.

Artur Wierzbicki presented already prepared the draft of 12 questions about refugees dedicated to all FBE Member Bars. The draft of the survey was accepted by the Commission. The results of the Survey will be presented by the President in Luxemburg at the general Assembly.

Paweł Koehler idea of Tribunal:

Agenda of human right (national). Enter the judiciary of human rights in each European country. National agenda of human rights on the level of regional courts.
Proposition for FBE resolution – authorities in EU should support idea.

Our Commission should intensify work on Paweł's project and develop it, moreover prepare a resolution for Luxemburg to make court (human rights court system) more accessible. The Commission should investigate how it can realise and support Paweł Koehler's proposal.

Sara Chandler backed the idea : we can work on it.

Re.3.

Prof. Sara Chandler (*the First Vice President of FBE*) acting on behalf of FBE Presidency officially congratulated and thanked to Mr Artur Wierzbicki for his deep work and great involvement in "Colombian Caravana Project".

"Good work" She said !

Re.4.

The next meeting of the HRFC will be in Luxembourg, September 13, 2016 during The General Autumn FBE Congress in Luxembourg13 – 15 October 2016 "The Lawyer in dialogue with the Court of Justice of the European Union".

The President in extra mail to all Members of HRFC till October 10,2016 will confirm the place, date and exact time of the next working Commission Meeting.

The President confirmed that the agenda has been completed and closed the meeting at 2.30 p.m..

Signatures of President, Vice President and Secretary (on the original Minutes wording):

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Mr Artur Wierzbicki
President of HR&FC of FBE

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Mr Marc Wesser
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