



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

The Deputy Director

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Mr. Peter Golob
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Dear Mr. Golob,

Thank you for your letter of 24 January 2017 regarding your transfer from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, and the effects that this may have on the Union of Slovene Diplomats.

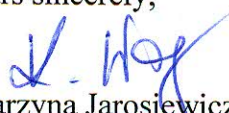
As you pointed out, our Organization attaches great importance to the rule of law. The implementation of court decisions is one of the cornerstones of a democratic system abiding by rule of law principles. The failure to implement court decisions cast reasonable doubts on the overall independence of the judiciary, the separation of powers and the overall right of every individual to an effective remedy.

Likewise, we recognize the fundamental role that civil society plays in assisting participating States in promoting human rights commitments. The independent work of civil society, including their freedom of assembly and association, should be always protected and promoted as a fundamental value by the State. Our Organization supports civil society in a range of ways and promotes the work of civil society organizations and an enabling environment which allows for the full exercise of rights.

In light of the above, we duly take note of the situation that you describe in your letter. However, with regard to your specific request, we regret to inform you that our Office is not in a position to directly intervene. The nature of our work is such that we focus on general developments and trends of concern for democracy and human rights and are not able to engage on individual cases.

We will however continue to follow developments related to the abovementioned rights and freedoms closely across the OSCE region, including in Slovenia, in order to inform our ongoing work.

Yours sincerely,


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