



NEWS REPORT

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Title: New Government Council for the Implementation of the Principle of Equal Treatment Established
Country: Slovenia

Context

Issue at stake: The Government of the Republic of Slovenia reformed the role of composition of the Council for the Implementation of the Principle of Equal Treatment, a body with consultative role

Ground of discrimination: all grounds

Source: Government of the Republic of Slovenia Conclusion No. VI/45 on establishing, composition, organization and tasks of the Council of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for the Implementation of the Principle of Equal Treatment, of 17 September 2009

Field: all fields

Legislative provisions: Article 9 of the Act Implementing the Principle of Equal Treatment

Content

Political development: On the basis of Article 9 of the Act Implementing the Principle of Equal Treatment, and Article 5 of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia Rules of Procedure, the Government adopted a Conclusion No. VI/45 on establishment, composition, organization and tasks of the Council of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for the Implementation of the Principle of Equal Treatment.

The Council was first established in 2004 for a four year mandate (2004-2008), while the new Council has a mandate from 2009-2013. The Council is an expert and consultative body of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on matters in the area of equal treatment and prohibition of discrimination. It is mandated to perform the following tasks: monitoring the implementation of the Act Implementing the Principle of Equal Treatment, monitoring and assessment of the situation of vulnerable groups from the aspect of equal treatment, providing recommendations for adoption of legislation and measures needed for implementation of equal treatment, providing recommendations for facilitating education, awareness raising and research in the area if equal treatment, acquainting itself with the work of the Advocate of the Principle of Equality on the

basis of their yearly report, and performing consultative role in the framework of the PROGRESS program in the area of diversity and prohibition of discrimination.

The Council has thirteen members, composed of the ministers in the areas of labor, family and social affairs; education and sports; culture; and Slovenians abroad; secretary general of the Government; Advocate of the Principle of Equality; four representatives of the expert bodies (Health Care Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Institute for Ethnic Studies, the Peace Institute – the latter is non-governmental); two representatives of non-governmental organizations that deal with equal treatment and non-discrimination; and one representative of the Centre for information, cooperation and development of non-governmental organizations. The president of the Council is the Minister of Education and Sports.

Internet link source and additional information:

http://www.uem.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/nediskriminacija_glede_na_ostale_oseb_ne_okoliscine/svet_vlade_rs_za_uresnicevanje_nacela_enakega_obravnavanja_2009_2013/