THE OSCE: INCLUSIVE MEDIATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY

OIC-SESRIC Brainstorming in Ankara (13 September 2019)
Mediation and dialogue facilitation at the OSCE

- A variety of instruments:
  - CiO and his/her Special/Personal Representatives and Envoys (Transdniestrian Settlement Process (Moldova), Geneva International Discussions (Georgia), Minsk Process (Armenia-Azerbaijan), Trilateral Contact Group (Ukraine))
  - Field operations
  - Institutions (HCNM, ODIHR, RFoM, OSCE PA (SR on Mediation))
- Usually a combination of the tools is applied
OSCE Engagements

- **Trilateral Contact Group** (TCG) → Ukraine
  - OSCE, Ukraine, the Russian Federation

- **Geneva International Discussion** (GID) → Georgia
  - OSCE, EU, UN

- **OSCE Minsk Group** (Minsk Process) → Armenia/Azerbaijan
  - France, the Russian Federation, and the United States
  - OSCE CiO Personal Representative on the conflict dealt with by the Minsk Conference

- **Transdniestrian settlement process** (TSP) → Moldova
  - OSCE, Ukraine, the Russian Federation
  - United States and EU observers
Towards effective mediation

- Creating a political Framework
- Establishing operational structures
- Managing knowledge and processes

Principles/Focus:
- Inclusivity
- Ownership
- Consent
Applying the principles

Consent:
“Mediation is a voluntary process that requires the consent of the conflict parties to be effective.” (UN Guidance)

Inclusivity:
Who gets to be in the room?
What gets to the table?

Who should be included in designing and carrying out peace processes, at what stage and to what end?
OSCE’s eyes, ears and hands on the ground

- The network of OSCE field operations: inclusive approach to mediation and dialogue support

**Areas:**
- peacebuilding, mediation and dialogue support activities
- Inter-faith dialogue
- Participatory approaches to the prevention of violent extremism
- Countering educational and inter-communal segregation
- SSG/R and Rule of Law
Insider Mediation –
Good practices and lessons-learned

- Conditions and challenging environment for mediation

Assets of Insider Mediation:
- Support ‘Networks’
- Context-specificity and conflict-sensitivity
- Sustainability and impact
- Strategy and flexibility

- Cases: OSCE POiB; OMiS; OMiBiH
THANK YOU