

**Report by U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin
Special Representative
on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance
Report June 15, 2016 – February 10, 2017**

**Winter Meeting, Vienna
February 23-24, 2017**

On March 9, 2015, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) President Ilkka Kanerva (MP, Finland) appointed U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin to serve as the OSCE PA's first Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance (SR). Following are the SRARI's activities from June 15, 2016, to February 10, 2017, that, with the support of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, focus on the following four priorities the Special Representative has outlined for this year, addressing: 1) anti-Semitism and community security; 2) anti-Muslim bigotry; 3) discriminatory policing; and 4) anti-migrant/refugee bias. These activities include:

December 16, 2016 – anti-discrimination and diversity provisions authored by SR Cardin became U.S. Public Law No. 114-323, including: increasing State Department funding to support U.S. and European civil society work with youth to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of religious, ethnic, or racial intolerance in Europe; 2) increasing diversity in U.S. international affairs careers through data reporting requirements, diversity fellowship programs, and other initiatives.

November 14, 2016 – SR Cardin in cooperation with OSF hosted “Race, justice and public safety in the US and the UK,” a roundtable discussion with U.S. civil rights organizations and British law enforcement.

September and July, 2016 – Letters to the Austrian and German Chairmanships, U.S. Secretary of State, ODIHR Director Michael Link, OSCE PA President Christine Muttonen, seeking to advance: 1) the implementation of the Supplemental Item “A Call for OSCE Action to Address Violence and Discrimination” (adopted at the 2016 OSCE PA annual session), 2) an OSCE Anti-Discrimination Action Plan, 3) an OSCE High Level Racism and Xenophobia Conference that would include a focus on discriminatory policing impacting Afro-descent, Roma, Muslim, and other populations, 4) continued support for the OSCE “Turning Words Into Action” anti-

Semitism initiative, and 5) increased actions for migrant, refugee, and other vulnerable populations.

July 1-5, 2016 – Introduced the Supplemental Item “A Call for OSCE Action to Address Violence and Discrimination” expressing alarm over heightened incidents of violence and discrimination and increased prejudice in the OSCE region, and calling for immediate action.

<http://www.oscepa.org/documents/all-documents/annual-sessions/2016-tbilisi/supplementary-items/3280-call-for-osce-action-eng/file>

Select Statements & Speeches

February 7, 2017 – SR Cardin served as an Honorary Host of the Human Rights First event: “A Conflicted Germany: The Struggle Between Xenophobia and Tolerance”

February 4, 2017 – Cardin Statement on National Restraining Order Against Trump Travel Ban
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-national-restraining-order-against-trump-travel-ban>

February 1, 2017 – SR Cardin delivered remarks addressing increases in profiling and anti-Muslim and other bias at a Muslim Jewish Advisory Council event

January 31, 2017 - Cardin, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Rescind Discriminatory Order on Immigration, Refugees

January 28, 2017- Cardin Statement on Day One Impact of Trump’s Refugee Restriction
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-day-one-impact-of-trumps-refugee-restriction>

January 27, 2017 - Cardin Statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-international-holocaust-remembrance-day>

January 25, 2017 - Cardin: President Trump is Intent on Wasting Billions of Taxpayer Dollars on a Costly Wall that Won’t Work, addressing anti-migrant/refugee sentiments and profiling
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-president-trump-is-intent-on-wasting-billions-of-taxpayer-dollars-on-a-costly-wall-that-wont-work>

January 25, 2017 - Cardin Assails Trump Executive Orders to Ease Path for Keystone XL, Dakota Access Pipelines, addressing sovereign Native American nations
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-assails-trump-executive-orders-to-ease-path-for-keystone-xl-dakota-access-pipelines>

January 24, 2017 - Cardin Statement on LGBT Rights, Issues at Start of Trump Administration
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-lgbt-rights-issues-at-start-of-trump-administration>

January 18, 2017 - Cardin Measure Would Immediately Revive Consideration of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) for women
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-measure-would-immediately-revive-consideration-of-the-equal-rights-amendment-era>

January 13, 2017 - Cardin Reflects on the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/2017/01/13/cardin-reflects-on-the-life-of-dr-martin-luther-king-jr>

January 11, 2017 - Cardin Statement Following Tillerson Hearing, addressing Muslim ban and other matters <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-following-tillerson-hearing>

December 5, 2016 - Cardin Praises Army Corps Response Halting Dakota Pipeline to Protect Drinking Water Sources for Standing Rock Sioux Reservation
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-praises-army-corps-response-halting-dakota-pipeline-to-protect-drinking-water-sources-for-standing-rock-sioux-reservation>

December 9, 2016 - Cardin on Presidential Election: “Hate Cannot be the Ruling Force in our Nation” <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-on-presidential-election-hate-cannot-be-the-ruling-force-in-our-nation->

October 25, 2016 - Cardin, Senators: Our Government Should Have No Part in Funding Discrimination <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-senators-our-government-should-have-no-part-in-funding-discrimination>

October 13, 2016 - Senators Ask President to Halt Construction of Dakota Access Pipeline
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/senators-ask-president-to-halt-construction-of-dakota-access-pipeline>

October 22, 2016 - Cardin Condemns Hungarian Government’s Award to anti-Semitic Journalist Zsolt Bayer <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-condemns-hungarian-governments-award-to-anti-semitic-journalist-zsolt-bayer>

September 19, 2016 - Cardin Statement on President Obama’s Leader’s Summit on Refugees
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-president-obamas-leaders-summit-on-refugees>

September 15, 2016 - Cardin, Mikulski, Cummings, Ruppertsberger, Sarbanes Strongly Applaud New Federal Grant for Schools Affected by Unrest Following Death of Freddie Gray
<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-mikulski-cummings->

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September 13, 2016 - Cardin Leads Discussion by DOJ, Community Leaders on Baltimore City Police Reforms <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-leads-discussion-by-doj-community-leaders-on-baltimore-city-police-reforms>

September 6, 2016 – “OSCE Confronting Anti-Gypsyism: The Role of Political Leaders in Countering Discrimination, Racism, Hate Crimes and Violence Against Roma and Sinti Communities;” Conference included remarks from the office of the Special Representative

August 10, 2016 – Cardin Statement on Department of Justice Report on Baltimore Police Practices <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-department-of-justice-report-on-baltimore-police-practices>

July 22, 2016 - Cardin Statement on 41st Baltimore Pride Celebration <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-statement-on-41st-baltimore-pride-celebration>

July 15, 2016 - Cardin Calls on Judiciary Committee to Finally Move Forward Legislation on Police Reform, Ending Racial Profiling <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-calls-on-judiciary-committee-to-finally-move-forward-legislation-on-police-reform-ending-racial-profiling>

July 15, 2016 - Cardin Condemns Terror Attack in Nice, France <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-condemns-terror-attack-in-nice-france>

Appendix I

Mandate of the Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance

The mandate of the OSCE PA Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance is to:

- Raise awareness in and report to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on the persisting problem of prejudice and discrimination in the OSCE area, including anti-Semitism, other religion- and race-based intolerance and other forms of intolerance;
- Raise awareness in and report to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on the track records of OSCE participating States in combating these problems;
- Advise the Assembly on the implementation of its agreed policies in these matters as well as on the development of new policies and strategies, including on how to protect the individuals and communities affected;
- Seek to promote dialogue and exchange of best practices within the Assembly on combating these problems; and
- Communicate with relevant actors within the OSCE who work on combating prejudice and discrimination in the OSCE area, including anti-Semitism, other religion- and race-based intolerance and other forms of intolerance.