

## Working Group IV

### **1 October 2003 – Inaugural Meeting**

The Working Group inaugurates and elects Herbert Scheibner as vice-chairman. Concerning the mandate of the Working Group, the members consider it indispensable to co-ordinate with other Working Groups (especially Working Group I). They agree to work out text blocks for each fundamental right or for blocks of topics.

### **10 October 2003 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group works out a proposal for a text concerning “privacy” based on a draft of the chairman. They reflect where aims of the federal state and fundamental rights overlap and how it is possible to dissociate one from the other.

### **28 October 2003 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group decides to consult experts. Afterwards, the discussion on the dissociation of aims of the federal state and fundamental rights is continued. Then, the Working Group debates a draft text of Univ.-Prof. DDr. Christoph Grabenwarter concerning “guarantee of ownership”. The provisions taken over from the European Human Rights Convention are formulated in a gender-neutral way.

### **5 November 2003 – 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group compiles an expert pool for statements about text proposals of the Working Group. Then, the Working Group discusses the topics “guarantee of ownership” and “freedom to choose an occupation” (based on draft texts of Univ.-Prof. DDr. Christoph Grabenwarter) and works out text proposals for these topics.

### **14 November 2003 – 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group decides to consult experts for the topics “right to live”, “social fundamental rights”, “rights of the ethnic groups” and “fundamental right to health and

environmental protection”. Afterwards the members debate the topic “free expression of opinion” based on a draft text of the chairman.

**27 November 2003 – 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues its discussions on “free expression of opinion”.

**12 December 2003 – 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group hears a speech of Univ.-Prof. Dr. Franz Merli on “fundamental rights concerning health and environment” and discusses questions resulting thereof. Afterwards the members continue their debate on a draft text and the explanations of the chairman on “free expression of opinion”.

**7 January 2004 – 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group hears a speech of Univ.-Prof. DDr. Johannes Huber on “fundamental rights and biomedicine” and discusses this topic. Afterwards, the Working Group continues its discussions on “free expression of opinion”. In this respect, they debate especially a new draft text of Univ.-Prof. DDr. Gerald Grabenwarter.

**14 January 2004 – 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues its discussions on “free expression of opinion”. Afterwards they hear a speech of Univ.-Prof. DDr. Christian Kopetzki on “fundamental rights and biomedicine”.

**21 January 2004 – 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group hears a speech of Univ.-Prof. Dr. Markus Hengstschläger on “fundamental rights and biomedicine”. Then they discuss the “freedom of science”, the “freedom of art” and the “right to education”.

**30 January 2004 – 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group hears a speech of Univ.-Prof. Dr. Dieter Kolonovits on “rights of the ethnic groups”. Afterwards they continue the debate on “freedom of science”, “freedom of art” and the “right to education”.

**20 February 2004 – 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group finishes the debate on the right to education. Afterwards the members discuss the freedom of thought, conscience and religion, including the right to a civilian alternative to national service.

**1 March 2004 – 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues its discussion on the freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

**8 March 2004 – 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group finishes its discussion on the freedom of thought, conscience and religion. Afterwards they start a detailed debate on the freedom of association and assembly.

**22 March 2004 – 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group debates extensively the freedom of association and assembly including the freedom of coalition.

**19 April 2004 – 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group hears five experts on social fundamental rights and afterwards debates general principles regarding a catalogue of social fundamental rights.

**27 April 2004 – 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group discusses fundamental rights (right to human dignity, prohibition of torture, prohibition of human trafficking, right to live, right to physical and mental integrity, right to asylum). Afterwards Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bernd-Christian Funk presents a paper on the social fundamental rights and the Working Group starts to debate the right to social security.

**3 May 2004 – 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group debates "the right to assisted suicide" based on a paper of Univ.-Prof. DDr. Christoph Grabenwarter and Dr. Johannes Schnizer. Then, the Working Group continues its discussion on the social fundamental rights based on a paper of the chairman of the Working Group.

**10 May 2004 – 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The chairman presents a draft of the report which is discussed.

**24 May 2004 – 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on the report.

**6 July 2004 – 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on the fundamental rights of ethnic groups and the discrimination ban.

**9 July 2004 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on the fundamental rights of ethnic groups.

**6 September 2004 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

As Herbert Scheibner has left the Working Group, Dr. Dieter Böhmendorfer is unanimously elected as vice-chairman. Afterwards the Working Group continues the discussion on the fundamental rights of ethnic groups.

**10 September 2004 – 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group finishes the discussion on the fundamental rights of ethnic groups.

**13 September 2004 – 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group debates the prohibition of discrimination.

**17 September 2004 – 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion about the prohibition of discrimination and about equal treatment of men and women.

**20 September 2004 – 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group speaks about the rights of people with disabilities and about the rights of elderly people.

**27 September 2004 – 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group finishes the debate about the rights of elderly people and discusses the rights of children.

**1 October 2004 – 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on the rights of children.

**4 October 2004 – 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on the rights of children. Afterwards the members debate the protection of marriage and family.

**15 October 2004 – 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group debates the social fundamental rights "right of coalition", "freedom of association and assembly", "free enterprise" and "minimum support to secure the existence".

**19 October 2004 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on social fundamental rights. They debate social security and the right to work.

**20 October 2004 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on social fundamental rights. They debate the right to combine job and family.

**28 October 2004 – 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on social fundamental rights. They debate the right to combine job and family, the right to consumer protection, the right to housing and the right to services of general interest.

**29 October 2004 – 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group continues the discussion on social fundamental rights. They discuss the health protection, environmental protection, the right to cultural participation and the protection of the personal freedom.

**8 November 2004 – 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group discusses the protection of the personal freedom and the freedom of residence. Afterwards the members start the debate on procedural rights.

**12 November 2004 – 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group discusses the issues assigned by Working Group 2, the right to asylum based on a proposal by the Green Party, the right to exchange opinions between churches and state, and a proposal about school and church presented by ecumenical Christianity as well as the right to a fair procedure based on a paper by Dr. Dieter Böhmdorfer.

**22 November 2004 – 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Working Group discusses the draft report presented by the chairman.