ERT Work Itinerary: January 2007 - January 2008

January-February 2007: Setting up of the ERT office in London

January-June, 2007: Provided technical assistance to the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights by serving as independent expert and contributing to the UN Expert study on complementary standards on non-discrimination.

January 28-29, 2007: Spoke on “Definitions of the Concept of Discrimination” at a Seminar on draft regional convention on racism and discrimination, convened by the Organisation for American States, Washington DC.


February 2, 2007: First meeting of the international Board of Trustees of The Equal Rights Trust, London.


April 14, 2007: Spoke on issues of educational discrimination to participants in a deliberative poll organised by the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia.


May 3-6, 2007: Participated in the annual meeting of the International Council on Human Rights Policy, and spoke on several issues related to equality, Bangkok.

May 14, 2007: Provided training to Slovenian and Italian lawyers participating in the legal defence of “erased persons” in Slovenia, Ljubljana.

June, 2007: Introduced the theme “Other Status Discrimination”, at OSCE ODIHR Conference on non-discrimination and tolerance, Bucharest.


August, 2007: Submitted an open letter to Trevor Phillips, the chair of the newly established
Equality and Human Rights Commission, as part of the open letter campaign coordinated by
the Runnymede Trust.

**August 18, 2007:** Published a booklet presenting The Equal Rights Trust.

**September 5, 2007:** Participated in the conference “Positive Action and Diversity: Its Possibilities, Purposes and Limits”, organised by the Equality and Diversity Forum and Justice, London.

**September 25, 2007:** Submitted a Statement regarding the inadequate implementation of the principle of non-discrimination in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting of the OSCE, Warsaw.


**October 10, 2007:** Launched The Equal Rights Trust website.

**October 10, 2007:** Participated in the seminar “Human Rights and Social Exclusion”, organised by the Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute, London Metropolitan University, London.

**October 11, 2007:** Delivered a keynote speech entitled “EU Equality Developments and the Need for a Comprehensive Approach to Non-discrimination” at the EU conference for the European Year of Equal Opportunity, “Parlement européen de l’égalité des chances pour tous”, organised by the European Commission, Brussels.

**October 12-13, 2007:** Talked on the nexus between vulnerability, discrimination and climate change at Roundtable “Climate Change and Human Rights: Mapping the Overlap”, organised by the International Council on Human Rights Policy, Geneva.

**October 15, 2007:** Submitted a third party intervention to the European Court of Human Rights on *Makuc v Slovenia* on ECHR Article 14 questions.

**October 17, 2007:** Observed a meeting of the Equality and Diversity Forum, London.

**October 18, 2007:** Meeting of the international Board of Trustees of the Equal Rights Trust, London.

**November 2, 2007:** Submitted a joint statement together with Amnesty International on Slovenian “erased”, calling on Slovenian Government to stop discriminatory treatment of the “erased” persons in Slovenia.

**November 9, 2007:** Participated in a conference “The Collection of Data on Ethnic or Na-
tional Origins for Antidiscrimination Policies: Equality, Privacy, and Diversity in European Perspective” organised by the Centre for Philosophy of Law (CPDR), University of Louvain, and others, Brussels.

**November 14, 2007:** Observed a meeting of the Equality and Diversity Forum, London.

**November 15, 2007:** Sent a letter to General Musharraf urging him to order the immediate release of all those arbitrarily arrested and detained, following the introduction of the state of emergency on 3 November 2007, to reinstate dismissed judges, to lift all imposed restrictions on the media and take all other necessary measures to return Pakistan to its constitutional rule. The focus of the letter was on the discrimination aspects of Pakistani developments.

**November 19, 2007:** Attended the launch of “A British Bill of Rights: Informing the Debate”, organised by Justice, London.


**November 23, 2007:** Participated in the conference “Multi-Dimensional Discrimination: Justice for the Whole Person”, organised by the Equality and Diversity forum and Justice, London.

**November 26, 2007:** Spoke at a National (UK) Conference on “Promoting Community Cohesion through Schools” organised by the Runnymede Trust, London.

**December 5, 2007:** Participated in the conference “Update on Equality Law: Are We Catching Up?” organised by the Institute of Employment Rights, London.

**December 12, 2007:** Participated in the Equality and Diversity Forum monthly meeting, London.

**December 14, 2007:** Sent a letter of concern on the repression against ethnic Indians protesting against discrimination in Malaysia urging the Prime Minister of Malaysia to ensure that everyone is protected from arbitrary arrest.

**January 4, 2008:** Held preparatory meeting to the workshop “Legal Standards on Non-discrimination and Equality” scheduled for April 2008, London.
