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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES

Strasbourg 26-27 March 1998
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Avenue de l'Europe

REVISED PROGRAMME

<u>Thursday, 26 March 1998</u>

10:00	Opening of the Conference by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Hans Christian KRÜGER
10:30	Break
11:15	Presentation of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
	- Mr Philip BLAIR, Deputy-Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
11:45	Discussion
12:30	Break for lunch

<u>1st Session</u>: President: Ms THORS, Member of the European Parliament (Finland)

14:00	Regional or minority languages and education problems
	- Mr Romedi ARQUINT, Member of the Parliament of the Canton of Grisons (Switzerland)
14:30	Discussion
16:00	Break

16:30   Problems raised by the use of regional or minority languages before public and judicial authorities

-          Mr Jean-Marie WOEHRLING, President of the Administrative Court in Strasbourg (France)

17:00   Discussion

18:00   End of the session

Friday, 27 March 1998

9:30   2nd Session: President: Mr L. DE PUIG, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly

Mass media, cultural activities and regional or minority languages

-          Ms Elin GRUFFYDD JONES, Manager, Mercantor Media (United Kingdom)

10:00   Discussion

11:30   Break

12:00   The use of regional or minority languages in social and economic life

-          Ms Mari Karmen GARMENDIA, Minister for Culture of the Basque Government (Spain)

12:30   Break for lunch

14:00   3rd Session: President: Mr Gianfranco MARTINI, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe

Discussion on the subject "The use of regional or minority languages in social and economic life"

15:30   Break

16:00   Conclusions by Mr Ferdinando ALBANESE, Director of Environment and Local Authorities of the Council of Europe

17:00   End of the Conference