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**Implementing the Framework Convention
for the Protection of National Minorities**

Seminar organised by the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 28 October 1998

Palais de l'Europe, Room 9

Provisional Programme

I Opening Session

- 10:00 Opening of the seminar
- Mr Hans Christian Krüger, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 10:15 Drafting of the Framework Convention
- Mr Rolf Gossmann, Chairman of the Committee of Experts on Issues Relating to the Protection of National Minorities (DH-MIN), Head of Division, Federal Ministry of Interior of Germany

II Session on Domestic Implementation

Chair: Ms Jane Dinsdale, Deputy Director of Human Rights

- 10:45 Preparatory work for the ratification of the Framework Convention
- Ms Carin Lundberg, Chairman of the National Minority Committee, Member of Parliament, Sweden
- 11:15 Domestic implementation of the Framework Convention and the role of the civil society
- Mr Alexander Ossipov, Programme Manager, Memorial Human Rights Centre, Moscow
- 11:45 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch

III Session on International Monitoring

Chair: Mr Pierre-Henri Imbert, Director of Human Rights

- 14:00 Setting up of the monitoring mechanism
- Ambassador Ulrich Hack, Permanent Representation of Austria, former Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Party of the Committee of Ministers' Deputies on the Implementation Mechanism of the Framework Convention

- 14:30 The role of the Advisory Committee
- Professor Rainer Hofmann, President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention
- 15:00 The functioning of the monitoring mechanism
- a) process of drafting state reports
 - b) access to the process at the domestic and international level
 - c) follow-up to the Committee of Ministers' conclusions and recommendations
- Professor Gudmundur Alfredsson, Co-Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund University
- 15:45 Coffee Break
- 16:15 Relations with other treaty-bodies, in particular the European Court of Human Rights
- [- Mr Andras B. Baka, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, *to be confirmed*]
- 16:45 Discussion
- 17:30 Conclusions and the closure of the seminar
