



Seminar on “The Integration in Society through Education and Language”

Riga, Latvia, 2-3 December 1999

Thursday, 2 December 1999

08h30 Registration of participants

09h00 **Opening session**

Welcome and opening statement by

Mr. Valdis BIRKAVS

Minister of Justice of Latvia

Welcome and opening statement by

Ms. Eiženija ALDERMANE

Head of the Naturalisation Board

Introductory statement by

Messrs. Antti KORKEAKIVI and Michaël GUET of the Minorities Unit of the Directorate of Human Rights of the Council of Europe

Introductory statement by

Mr. Geoffrey Barrett, First Counsellor, Delegation of the European Commission in Latvia

Part I. Work of International Organisations to support Integration Initiatives, in particular in the fields of education and language

10h00 Presentation by Mr. Joseph SHEILS, Head of the Modern Languages Section and Mr. Antti KORKEAKIVI of the Minorities Unit of the **Council of Europe**

10h30 Presentation by Mr. John PACKER, Legal Adviser to the **OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities**

10h50 Presentations by Mr. Jan Sand SORENSEN, Head of the **UNDP-Latvia**,

11h00 Discussion, questions and answers

11h15 Coffee break

Part II. Integration in society through education and language: general policy issues

11h30 General introduction on integration policies in Europe through Education and Language by Mr. Priit JÄRVE, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)

This general introduction will be followed by a 20-minute presentation on the national integration policy in the fields of education and language made by a representative of each participating country. Time for discussion (about 20 minutes) will be left after each presentation

- 11h45 Presentation on the provisional conclusions of the national programme "Integration of Society in **Latvia**", by Ms. Eiženija ALDERMANE, Head of the Naturalization Board of Latvia, followed by a discussion
- 12h30 Lunch break.
- 14h00 Presentation on the integration policy in the fields of education and language in **Estonia**, by Mr. Mati LUIK, Head of the Non-Estonians Integration Foundation, followed by a discussion
- 14h45 Presentation on the integration policy in the fields of education and language in **Lithuania**, by Mr. Stanislavas VIDTMANN, Deputy Director General of the Governmental Department of National Minorities and Lithuanians Living Abroad, followed by a discussion
- 15h30 Coffee break
- 15h45 Presentation on the integration policy in the fields of education and language in the **Russian Federation**, by Ms. Aisa MUKABENOVA, Head of the Sector of National Minorities and National and Cultural Autonomies of the Ministry of Federation and Nationalities Affairs of the Russian Federation, followed by a discussion
- 16h30 Presentation on the integration policy in the fields of education and language in the **Republic of Moldova**, by Ms. Atanasia STOIANOV, General Director of the Governmental Department of National Relations and Functioning of Languages, followed by a discussion
- 17h15 Comments and remarks by Mr. Reinis ĀBOLTIŅŠ, General Rapporteur, followed by a discussion on integration policies presented
- 18h00 Close of the first day.

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Part. III Identification of specific practices/programmes in the fields of education and language

- 9h00 General introduction by the General Rapporteur, Mr. Priit JÄRVE, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)
- 09h20 Presentation by Mr. Padraig O'RIAGAIN on monitoring the impact of language education policy in society
- 09h40 Presentation by Ms. Marja JAAKOLA, TV-producer and expert on language teaching with multimedia
- 10h00 General discussion on the two previous presentations
- 10h30 Coffee break
- 10h45 Statements by **practitioners** from the five delegations
- 12h00 Lunch break.
- 14h00 Resuming of the statements by **practitioners** from the five delegations and general discussion
- 15h30 Coffee break
- 15h45 Concluding remarks by the General Rapporteur, Mr. Priit JÄRVE and closing speech by the organisers
- 16h30 Close of the meeting