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**8th Meeting of Government Offices for National Minorities
and
Meeting on Stability Pact Projects concerning Minorities under the Stability Pact
for South-Eastern Europe**

Programme

**21-22 May 2001
Palais de l'Europe, Room 2
Strasbourg**

**Meetings organised by the
Secretariat of the Framework Convention
for the Protection of National Minorities
Directorate General of Human Rights – DG II**

Monday, 21 May 2001

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

9.00 Registration

Chairman: Alan PHILLIPS, First Vice-President of the Advisory Committee

9.30 Opening of the Meeting

Jane DINSDALE, Director, Directorate General of Human Rights, Council of Europe

9.50 Stocktaking of developments on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM)

Gáspár BÍRÓ, Second Vice-President of the Advisory Committee

10.10 Drafting of State Reports

Introductory remarks by:

- *Roland DUBYK, Deputy Head of Section, Ministry of Interior of Germany*
- *Mark LATTIMER, Minority Rights Group Director*

Topics to be addressed:

- Dialogue with minorities/NGOs
- Comments on the outline for state reports
- Reporting delays
- Translation and distribution of reports
- Synergy with other relevant reporting systems (especially the Language Charter)

11.30 Break

11.45 Dialogue with the Advisory Committee

Introductory remarks by:

- *Alan PHILLIPS, First Vice-President of the Advisory Committee*
- *Attila-Gabor MARKÓ, Under-Secretary of State, Public Information Ministry of Romania*
- *Lilla FARKAS, Hungarian Helsinki Committee*

Topics to be addressed:

- Questionnaires and replies
- Country-visits
- NGO input
- Transparency

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Dialogue with the Committee of Ministers

Introductory remarks by:

- *Ulrich HACK, Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe*
- Representative of a State Party

Topics to be addressed:

- Drafting of a comment on the opinion of the Advisory Committee
- Drawing up of conclusions and recommendations by the Committee of Ministers

15.45 Follow-up to the results of the monitoring

Introductory remarks by:

- Representative of a State Party
- *Lauri HANNIKAINEN, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law*

Topics to be addressed:

- Translation and distribution of opinions, recommendations and conclusions
- In-country "follow-up meetings"
- Reporting back to Strasbourg on the follow-up
- Links to international assistance and co-operation activities

17.20 Concluding remarks by the Chair.

17.30 Closure of meeting and Reception for all participants in the Blue Restaurant, hosted by *Pierre-Henri IMBERT, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights, Council of Europe*

Tuesday, 22 May 2001

Meeting on Stability Pact Projects concerning Minorities under the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe

Chairperson: Jane DINSDALE, Director, Directorate General of Human Rights, Council of Europe

9.30 Introductory comments:

Jane DINSDALE, Director, Directorate General of Human Rights, Council of Europe

Project 1 : Non-Discrimination Review

10.00 Introductory remarks by:

- *Marc WELLER, Representative of the methodology group*

Topics to be addressed:

- Analysis of work already undertaken in this field
- Synergy with existing mechanisms
- Methodology for such a review (report on the conclusions of the methodology group)
- Establishing of national groups of experts
- Regional meeting for the presentation of the review findings
- Follow-up to findings

12.30 Lunch

Project 2: Acceptance and implementation of existing standards in the field of minorities

14.00 Introductory remarks by:

- *Mark NEVILLE, Executive Secretary of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe*
- *Milena KLAJNER, Deputy Head of the Office for National Minorities of the Government of Croatia*
- *Dimitrina PETROVA, Executive Director, European Roma Rights Centre*

Topics to be addressed:

- Ratification of relevant international standards
- Bringing legislation and practice into line with international standards
- Proposals for assistance and co-operation activities concerning acceptance and implementation of existing standards

15.30 Break

Project 3: Bi-lateral co-operation agreements

15.50 Introductory remarks by:

- *Professor Joseph MARKO, Co-director of the Scientific Division "Ethnic Minorities and Regional Autonomies" in the European Academy of Bolzano, Member of the Advisory Committee*

Topics to be addressed:

- Analysis of existing bi-lateral agreements
- Stocktaking on experience so far in implementation of bi-lateral agreements
- Assistance and co-operation in elaborating co-operation agreements

17:00 Awareness-raising campaign "Link Diversity"

17:30 Concluding remarks of the Chair

17.40 Close of meeting