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Experts Group Meeting: Minority Protection in Latvia

Riga Graduate School of Law, October 19, 2001

Agenda

10:00 – 11:45

About the EU Accession Monitoring Program: aims; role of the monitoring in the accession process; selection of monitoring criteria; expected impact and impact produced so far.

Report on minority protection in Latvia: main findings and recommendations.

Discussion: Feedback on report from participants.

11:45-12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 - 14:00

Minority protection in Latvia in the context of EU accession: fields of improvement. Discrimination; education reform; ratification of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and compliance of national legislation with its norms; naturalisation and the status of the non-citizens; National Program: "The Integration of Society in Latvia".