

First European Consultation on Ombudspeople on National Minority Issues

4 September 2002

Agenda

10:00 - 11:00

Welcome by Marc Weller, Director of ECMI and
introduction of participants

11:00 - 12:30

Session I: Specialized Ombudspersons Institutions on Minority Issues

Chair: John Packer, Director of the OSCE Office of the
High Commissioner on National Minorities

"The Need for Specialized Ombudspersons Institutions",
Dr. Alexander Morawa, European Centre for Minority
Issues (ECMI)

"Establishing a specialized Ombudspersons Office;
Difficulties and opportunities in Serbia and Montenegro",
Ms Jelena Markovic, Federal Ministry of National and
Ethnic Communities, Yugoslavia

"Covering Minority Issues through General Human Rights
Ombudsperson's Offices: some experiences", Mr Olafs
Bruvers, National Human Rights Office, Latvia

"Office of the Ombudsman for Minorities in Finland: Goals
and experiences", Mr Mikko Puumalainen, Ombudsman for
Minorities, Finland

Forum: Covering Minority Issues through General
Ombudsman Offices:

Ms G. Racinskiene, and Ms Z. Zamzickiene,
Ombudspeople of Lithuania.

Ms Lisbeth Adserballe, Office of the Parliamentary
Commissioner for Civil and Military Administration in
Denmark

Ms Olga Noyanova, Human Rights Commissioner's Office
in Russia

- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch at Restaurant "Hansens Brauerei", Schiffbrücke 16
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Session II: Increasing Access to and the Effectiveness of Specialized Ombudsperson's Institutions**
- Chair: Mr Frank Orton, The Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- "Mandate and working procedure of a Specialized Ombudsperson; The Hungarian experience", Prof. Jenő Kaltenbach, Hungarian Parliamentary Commissioner on Minority Rights
- "A regional specialized Ombudspersons Office: The experiences of Schleswig-Holstein", Ms Renate Schnack, Schleswig-Holstein Commissioner of the Minister-President for Minority Affairs
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 - 17:30 **Session III: Pan-European cooperation among Ombudspeople institutions and links to relevant IGOs and NGOs**
- Chair: Prof. Jenő Kaltenbach, Hungarian Parliamentary Commissioner on Minority Rights
- "Ombudspersons and the Issue of Democratic Governance: the OSCE perspective", Ms Dzenana Hadziomerovic, Legal Advisor, OSCE Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities
- "Making use of Council of Europe Standards", Mr Hanno Hartig, Head of Media, Equality and Minorities Department, Council of Europe
- "Linking Ombudspersons' institutions into the European system of combating Intolerance and Discrimination", Ms Birgitta Löwander, EUMC, Vienna
- "Cooperation and Control: The role of an Ombudspersons institutions in situations of international governance", Mr Nikola Kabasic, Ombudsperson Institution in Kosovo

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Conclusion by Marc Weller

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Dinner at Restaurant Borgerforeningen hosted and sponsored by Minister President of the Land of Schleswig-Holstein Ms Heide Simonis. Introduction to the Minister President by Ms Renate Schnack, Schleswig-Holstein Commissioner of the Minister-President for Minority Affairs

After Dinner Speech by Ms Gyde Köster, former State Secretary of Land Schleswig-Holstein, Vice-Chairperson of the ECMI Board