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Interparliamentary Colloquy for
Members of the European Parliament and of the Parliaments
of the Acceding and Candidate Countries
on

ETHNIC MINORITIES IN THE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP CONCEPT

Thursday/Friday 4 & 5 December 2003
European Parliament Building
Meeting room ASP 1H1
Brussels

Preliminary Draft Agenda

Thursday, 4 December 2003

- 9.30 **Arrival of the participants at the Spinelli Building**
- 10.00 - 10.15 **"The European Union Citizenship"**
Statement by Mr. Christian LANGE
- 10.30 - 11.00 **"National Minorities in the Acceding and Candidate Countries"**
Mr. Boriss CILEVICS, Rapporteur on Ethnic minorities, Parliamentary
Assembly, Council of Europe
Mr Jozsef SZAJER, Vice-President of the Hungarian National Assembly
Mr. Csaba TABAJDI, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on European
Integration, Hungarian National Assembly
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Round table with the participants**
- 12.30 - 14.30 **Lunch on invitation by the European Parliament**
Restaurant "La Renaissance", rue Parnasse n°19

15.00 – 16.00 "The position of the European Parliament on integration of ethnic minorities"

Mr. Robert EVANS, MEP, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs

16.00 - 17.00 "The Copenhagen Criteria and the protection of Minority Rights"

17.00 - 18.00 "Cultural diversity and mainstreaming"

Open Debate

Friday, 5 December 2003

09.30 - 10.45 "Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities"

Professor Rainer HOFMANN, Chairman, Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe

11.00 - 12.30 "The European Union facing the ethnic minorities challenge"

Mr. Olivier DE SCHUTTER, Professor of Law, University Louvain-la-Neuve
- Panel debate -

12.30 End of the colloquy¹

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