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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ISSUES RELATING TO
THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES
(DH-MIN)**

LIST OF ADOPTED DECISIONS

**11th meeting
5-6 May 2010**

**Strasbourg
Council of Europe
Room G.3, Agora Building**

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During its eleventh meeting held on 5-6 May 2010 in Strasbourg, the Committee of Experts on Issues relating to the Protection of National Minorities (DH-MIN) adopted the following decisions:

1. The DH-MIN agreed to pursue the discussions on the issues of the distribution of public financial support for associations (organisations) of persons belonging to national minorities, including, where relevant, project support at its 12th meeting. It instructed the Secretariat to revise, in cooperation with the Bureau and external experts the questionnaire, by making the questions more precise and employing the definitions of concepts made in the draft analysis. It invited the members, upon receipt of the revised questionnaire, to submit additional information, including of general nature on the system of financial support for projects and, where appropriate, to amend earlier replies, by the end of July 2010.
2. The DH-MIN decided to postpone any further discussion on the impact of the current economic situation on national minorities individually and collectively until after the disclosure of the ECRI Study on the impact of the economic crisis on racism and racial discrimination.
3. The DH-MIN agreed to pursue further its work on the promotion of the use of languages of persons belonging to national minorities. The DH-MIN instructed the Secretariat to liaise with the delegations of [to be confirmed Montenegro and other] interested member States to determine the order of introducing new case-studies of good practices in this field at the forthcoming meetings of the Committee.
4. The DH-MIN agreed to pursue its reflection on the use of symbols of national minorities in the private and public sphere on the basis of the document elaborated by the Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the OSCE. It instructed the Secretariat to liaise Office of the High Commissioner for National Minorities of the OSCE to establish the most appropriate modalities and timetable.
5. The DH-MIN decided to postpone the discussion on the “Mechanisms for selection of independent experts – Exchange of examples good practice regarding the selection of expert members to monitoring bodies, in particular to the Advisory Committee under the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and to the expert committee under the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages” until its next meeting.
6. Acting on the invitation of the CDDH to review its working methods, and after having discussed the issue in the light of its Terms of reference, the DH-MIN decided that it will look in the future, when appropriate, and on case by case basis into the possibilities of expanding its working methods by establishing drafting committees, working groups and reference groups. Any such group, when established, should meet on the margins of the DH-MIN plenary meetings to limit the expenditure incurred. Recognising that the situation of national minorities varies from country to country and that the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical and cultural backgrounds should be taken into consideration, the Committee [unanimously?] agreed that its meetings should continue to be held twice a year to allow it to fulfill its primary function of acting “as a forum for the exchange of information, views and experience on policies and good practice for the protection of national minorities”. The Committee further decided to
7. Further to the information provided on the work of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers (MG-S-ROM) in particular on the education of Roma, the Committee decided.....
8. The DH-MIN agreed to hold its 12th meeting on 16 to 18 November 2010.
9. As regards future work, the DH-MIN instructed the secretariat to