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**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM
OF THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES**

(CAHMEC)

**Decisions of the Committee of Ministers
and Terms of Reference**

4.1

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL
MINORITIES (CAHMIN)
Report of the 13th Meeting
(Strasbourg, 6-10 November 1995)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(96)557/4.2, CM(95)153 and Addendum)**

Decisions

The Deputies

Considering Articles 24-26 of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities which give to the Committee of Ministers the responsibility for monitoring the Convention and determining the composition and procedure of the advisory committee which will assist it;

Expecting that the number of ratifications required to bring it into force will be achieved later this year, and may be accelerated by giving member States a clearer idea of how the Convention will be monitored;

Decided to undertake - in accordance with the following procedure - the work regarding the implementation mechanism provided for in Articles 24-26 of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, with the aim to complete the first two stages by the time the framework Convention is expected to enter into force:

1. to instruct an ad hoc committee of experts to clarify pertinent questions and to identify possible options within the confines of Article 24-26 of the Framework Convention in accordance with Decision No. CM/638/060396 assigning ad hoc terms of reference to this committee as they appear in Appendix 7 to the present volume of Decisions;
2. to establish an ad hoc committee of Deputies open to all and with the assistance and participation of experts in order to identify and agree on the broad lines of the implementation mechanism, on the basis of the report of the meeting of the ad hoc committee of experts;
3. to instruct the ad hoc committee of experts to draft, on the basis of the decisions taken by the ad hoc committee of Deputies, the necessary regulations and procedures, within an agreed period, to enable the Committee of Ministers to meet the requirements of Articles 24-26 of the Framework Convention;
4. to take final decisions on the implementation mechanism of the Framework Convention.

APPENDIX 7
(item 4.1)

DECISION No. CM/638/060396

Ad hoc terms of reference

1. Name of the Committee: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM OF THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES (CAHMEC)

2. Source of terms of reference: Committee of Ministers

3. Text of the terms of reference:

with a view to the preparation of the decisions by the ad hoc committee of Deputies, to clarify pertinent questions and to identify possible options raised by the implementation of Article 24-26 of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities.

4. Completion date: 30 September 1996

5. Membership:

- a. Each member State may designate experts on the subject of protection of national minorities and human rights implementation mechanisms. The Council of Europe's budget bears travelling and subsistence expenses for one representative per member State (two in the case of member States whose expert is elected as Chairman);
- b. The Organisation for Co-operation and Security in Europe (OSCE, Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities), is invited to designate an observer;
- c. The Parliamentary Assembly and the Venice Commission are each entitled to designate one representative.