

## **Follow-up seminar on the Implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities**

**Monday 15 October 2007  
9.15 - 18.00**

**Prague, Building of Lichtenstein palace**

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8:45    Registration

9:15    Opening of the seminar

- Government representative, Andrea Baršová (Deputy Minister of the government for human rights & national minorities, Vice-Chairperson of the Council)

- Krzysztof Zyman, Secretariat of the Framework Convention, Council of Europe

### **SESSION I - GENERAL EVALUATION**

<p><b>General overview of the Second Opinion of the Advisory Committee and the Committee of Ministers' Resolution in respect of the Czech Republic</b></p>
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Chair: Andrej Sulitka, head of the Secretariat of the Council

9:30    Introduction of the Council of Europe monitoring documents by Ms Lidiya Basta-Fleiner, former member and vice-President of the Advisory Committee

10:00    Government's comments on the Council of Europe Recommendations and steps taken to implement them (Andrea Baršová, Deputy Minister of the government for human rights & national minorities, Vice-Chairperson of the Council)

**10:30    *Coffee break***

11:00    Comments by representatives of the national minorities. Implementation of the Framework Convention and relevant Council of Europe Recommendations at local level: achievements and challenges (ca 3 minority speakers, Poles, Slovaks, Russians, Greeks)

11:30    Discussion

**12:00-13:45    *Lunch***

## SESSION II - SPECIFIC THEMES

### **Action against discrimination and intolerance towards persons belonging to national minorities. Measures taken to enhance intercultural dialogue**

Chair: Jan Litomiský, Government Commissionaire for human rights

13:45 State/public institutions representatives (the Government Council for Human Rights, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, the Office of Ombudsman)

Comments by representatives of the national minorities

14:40: Discussion

*15:00 - 15.30 Coffee break*

### **Effective participation of the Roma in social, economic, cultural life and public affairs: achievements and challenges**

Chair: Radka Soukupová, Director of the Office of the Government Council for Roma Community Affairs

15:30 State/public institutions representatives (the Office of the Government Council for Roma Community Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs)

Comments by Roma representatives

16:30 Discussion

### **Developments concerning the use of minority languages in public life (media, education, contacts with administrative authorities, topographical indications)**

Chair: Igor Zolotarev, Russian minority, Vice-Chairperson of the Council

17:00 State/public institutions representatives (Ministry of the Interior, Committee for the cooperation with local authorities, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Culture)

Comments by representatives of the national minorities

17:40 Discussion

### **Concluding Remarks and Closing of the seminar**

Chair: Andrej Sulitka, head of the Secretariat of the Council

18:00 Ms Lidija Basta-Fleiner

Government representative (Lady-Minister / Deputy Minister of the government for human rights & national minorities, Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson of the Council)

18:30 End of the session

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