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**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION
OF NATIONAL MINORITIES**

(CAHMIN)

**Terms of reference of the CAHMIN
on the drawing up of a framework convention
and a protocol complementing the European Convention
on Human Rights (ECHR)**

**as adopted by the Committee of Ministers
on 4 November 1993**

TERMS OF REFERENCE
ON THE DRAWING UP OF A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
AND A PROTOCOL COMPLEMENTING
THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
(ECHR)

DECISION No CM/575/041193

Ad hoc terms of reference

1. Name of the Committee: AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR
THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL
MINORITIES (CAHMIN)
2. Source of terms of reference: Committee of Ministers
3. Text of the terms of reference:
 - i. to draft with minimum delay a framework convention specifying the principles which contracting States commit themselves to respect in order to assure the protection of national minorities. This instrument would also be open for signature by non-member States;
 - ii. to begin work on drafting a protocol complementing the European Convention on Human Rights in the cultural field by provisions guaranteeing individual rights, in particular for persons belonging to national minorities.

Work concerning these 2 terms of reference should be pursued in parallel.

4. Completion date:

terms of reference (i):	30 June 1994
terms of reference (ii):	31 December 1994

The Committee will present an interim report to the Committee of Ministers by 15 April 1994 at the latest.

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5. Membership:

- a. Each member State may designate experts on the subject of national minorities. The Council of Europe's budget bears travelling and subsistence expenses for one representative per member State (two in the case of the member State whose expert is elected as Chairman); and:
 - b. the following Committees may be represented on the CAHMIN by one or two members:
 - Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)
 - Council for Cultural Co-operation (CDCC)
 - Steering Committee on the Mass Media (CDMM).
 - c. The CSCE may also be represented.
6. The Committee has the possibility of creating a subordinate committee as well as one or several working parties.