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AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION
OF NATIONAL MINORITIES

(CAHMIN)

1st Meeting
25 January - 28 January 1994
Palais of Europe, Strasbourg
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

by the Representative of the Secretary General

2. Election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of CAHMIN

3. Adoption of the agenda

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4. Consideration of the terms of reference
of the CAHMIN Committee

a. General exchange of views

b. Organisation of the Committees' work

Working documents

- Terms of reference of the CAHMIN [CAHMIN (94) 1]
- Vienna Declaration of the Summit of Heads of State and Government (Vienna, 8-9 October 1993)

5. Drawing up of a framework Convention on the protection of national minorities

Observations

At its 93rd Session (4 November 1993) the Committee of Ministers instructed the CAHMIN to draft by 30 June 1994 a framework Convention, also open for signature by non-member States, specifying the principles which contracting States commit themselves to respect to assure the protection of national minorities.

Working documents

i. Council of Europe

- Terms of reference of the CAHMIN [CAHMIN (94) 1]
- Vienna Declaration of the Summit of Heads of State and Government (Vienna, 8-9 October 1993)
- Final activity report of the CDDH on the protection of national minorities adopted on 8 September 1993 [CDDH (93) 22]
- Final activity of the CDDH on the protection of national minorities adopted on 3 April 1992 [CDDH (92) 9, Addendum]
- Proposal for a European Convention for the protection of minorities and explanatory report prepared by the European Commission for Democracy through Law [CDL-MIN (93) 6 and 7]
- European Convention entitled on European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages [European Treaty Series/148]
- Contribution of the Council of Europe to the CSCE meeting of experts on national minorities (Geneva, 1-9 July 1991)

- Contribution of the Council of Europe to the Moscow meeting on the Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE (10 September-4 October 1991)

ii. CSCE

- Document of the Copenhagen meeting to the Conference on the human dimension of the CSCE (5-29 June 1989)
- Charter of Paris for a new Europe adopted at the meeting of Heads of State or Government of the CSCE (Paris, 19-21 November 1990)
- Report of the CSCE meeting of experts on national minorities (Geneva, 1-19 July 1991)
- Document of the Moscow meeting of the Conference on the human dimension of the CSCE (10 September-4 October 1991)
- Document of the Summit of Helsinki (Helsinki, 9-10 July 1992)

iii. United Nations

- Possible ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities - Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Preliminary report submitted by Mr Eide (Norway) [E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/34
10 August 1993]
- Declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (Resolution 47/135 adopted at the 47th Session of the General Assembly) [CAHMIN (94) 2]

6. Drawing up of draft protocol complementing the European Convention on Human Rights in the cultural field

Observations

At its 93rd Session (4 November 1993) the Committee of Ministers instructed the Committee CAHMIN "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" (execution date of the terms of reference: 31 December 1994).

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- Proposal for a European Convention for the protection of minorities and explanatory report by the European Commission for Democracy through Law [CDL-MIN (93) 6 and 7]
- Draft protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights guaranteeing the protection of ethnic groups prepared by Austria and distributed at the 89th Session (26 November 1991) of the Committee of Ministers [CDDH (91) 46]
- Report on rights of minorities of the Committee of experts on human rights adopted on 9 November 1973 for the attention of Committee of Ministers [DH/Exp (73) 47]
- Recommendation 1134 (1990) of the Parliamentary Assembly on the rights of minorities and Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights [Rec. 1134 (1990) and Doc. 6294]
- Recommendation 1177 (1992) of the Parliamentary Assembly on the rights of minorities and Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights [Rec. 1177 (1992) and Doc. 6556]
- Recommendation 1201 (1993) of the Parliamentary Assembly on an additional protocol to the ECHR on minorities and report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights [Rec. 1201 (1993) and Doc. 6556]
- Case law of the European Commission and Court of Human Rights, memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the European Commission of Human rights [AS/Jur (43) 27 rev.]

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- Declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (Resolution 47/135 adopted at the 47th Session of the General Assembly) [CAHMIN (94) 2]

iv. Other

- Draft Convention on the Fundamental Rights of Ethnic Groups in Europe (Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights) of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (28 May 1992)
- Preliminary Draft Protocol to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning the recognition of cultural rights, elaborated by the Working Party set up after the 8th Fribourg Colloquy, Switzerland (as revised in November 1993)
- Declaration of Athens on the rights of minorities prepared by the European Congress of the Rights of Minorities and Peoples (Athens, 10-13 December 1992)

6. Date of the next meeting

7. Other business