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

**(CAHMIN)**

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Decisions of the Committee of Ministers  
concerning the work of the CAHMIN  
at the 516th meeting  
of the Ministers' Deputies  
(8 September 1994)

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**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF NATIONAL MINORITIES (CAHMIN)**

**Abridged reports of the 4th (Strasbourg, 6-10 June 1994)  
and 5th meetings (Strasbourg, 27th June - 1 July 1994)  
(CM(94)99, CM(94)110)**

Decisions

The Deputies:

1. took note of the reports of the 4th and 5th meetings of the CAHMIN;
2. decided, in the light of their content, to address a new message to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Protection of National Minorities (CAHMIN) as it appears at Appendix ... to the present volume of Decisions;
3. set the additional terms of reference for the CAHMIN regarding the drafting of the framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities as they appear at Appendix... to the present volume of Decisions and fixed at 14 October 1994 their completion date;
4. invited all member States of the Council of Europe to take into consideration the new message addressed to the CAHMIN on the occasion of the 6th meeting of the latter and to give instructions to their representatives within the CAHMIN in respect of the provisions or parts of the draft framework Convention which the said Ad Hoc Committee could refer before 14 September 1994 to the Committee of Ministers for examination.
5. agreed to resume consideration of the draft framework Convention at their 517th (DH) (20-21 September 1994), 518th (10-14 October 1994) and 519th (DH) (19-20 October 1994) meetings.

APPENDIX ..  
(item 4.3)

**NEW MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS  
TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF NATIONAL MINORITIES (CAHMIN)**

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 8 September 1994,  
at the 516th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, having examined with the greatest attention the reports concerning the 4th and 5th meetings of the CAHMIN, reiterates the content of its precedent message to the CAHMIN, adopted at the 515th meeting of the Deputies and expresses once again its wish to be able to open the framework Convention for signature on the occasion of the 95th Ministerial Session (10 November 1994).

To this end, the Committee of Ministers, aware of the difficulties the CAHMIN is facing, expresses its willingness to assume the preparation of certain provisions or parts of the draft framework Convention, including provisions concerning the control of the implementation of undertakings. In view of this, it requests the CAHMIN to identify before Wednesday 14 September 1994 the provisions or parts of the draft framework Convention that, because of the need to proceed to political arbitration or for other reasons, it would wish to refer, as of now, to the Committee of Ministers for examination.

The Committee of Ministers invites in addition the members of the CAHMIN to concentrate their work on solving still outstanding unsettled parts of the draft framework Convention and to establish bilateral contacts outside formal meetings in order to find compromise solutions in respect of the articles of the draft framework Convention causing problems.

APPENDIX ..  
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ADDITIONAL TERMS OF REFERENCE ON THE  
DRAWING UP OF A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION

DECISION No. CM/.../080994

Ad hoc terms of reference

1. Name of 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:

In view of the text of the preliminary draft framework Convention submitted by the CAHMIN to the Committee of Ministers at the close of its 5th meeting (Appendix III to CM(94)110) the said Ad Hoc Committee is called upon to complete its work by

- i. drafting the provisions concerning the control of the implementation of the undertakings set out in the framework Convention;
  - ii. finalising the drafting of the substantive provisions of the framework Convention;
  - iii. preparing the explanatory report to the framework Convention.
4. Completion date: 14 October 1994
  5. The terms of reference regarding the drafting of a protocol complementing the European Convention on Human Rights and their completion date which appear respectively in paragraphs 3.ii and 4 of Decision No. CM/575/041193 are not affected by the present additional terms of reference and remain, therefore, unchanged.

6. Committees to be notified on  
the present terms of reference  
for their information:

- Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)
- Council for Cultural Cooperation (CDCC)
- Steering Committee on the Mass Media (CDMM)