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

(CAHMIN)

**Extract from the Decisions taken at the
523rd (Budget) Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies,
12-15 December 1994 concerning PO-S-MIN**

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EUROPEAN POPULATION COMMITTEE (CDPO)

**Abridged report of the 18th meeting
(Strasbourg, 15-16 June 1994)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(94)516/6.2, CM(94)118)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. took note of the final activity report of the Joint Group of Specialists on Population, Migration and Employment (PO-S-MG) (item 2 of CM(94)118);
2. concerning the work of the Group of Specialists on the Demographic Situation of National Minorities (PO-S-MIN), took note of the way in which the European Population Committee (CDPO) intended to see the terms of reference of this Group carried out as they appear in Appendix 4 to the present volume of Decisions and agreed that, before undertaking its research, the latter should make sure of the agreement of the authorities of the State concerned, and that it should inform the Committee of Ministers of the results of its methodological study before embarking on the second stage of its work;
3. taking into account decisions 1 and 2 above, took note of the abridged report of the 18th meeting of the European Population Committee (CDPO) as a whole (CM(94)118).

APPENDIX 4
(item 6.1)

SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. **Name:** Group of Specialists on the demographic situation of national minorities (PO-S-MIN)
2. **Type:** Group of Specialists
3. **Source:** European Population Committee (CDPO)
4. **Terms of reference:**

The Group of Specialists will examine and assess available data, definitions, concepts and collection methods used to produce statistics on national minorities. The study shall cover the Council of Europe member States and, where appropriate, other relevant European states. The Group shall draw up recommendations for harmonising and improving statistics on national minorities.

The Group will produce brief descriptions of the main national minorities in Europe, with an indication of their size and structure, based on the most recently available information; it will highlight their present demographic situation and analyse trends and developments.

The Group will work in close cooperation with other international organisations and bodies, in particular the CSCE, the UN/ECE and Eurostat.

5. **Composition:**
 - i. All the member States may designate specialists to participate in the Group's work. However the Council of Europe will cover travel and subsistence expenses for only eight¹ specialists selected by the Bureau of the CDPO on the basis of proposals from the members of the CDPO.

¹ Subsequently, in the budgetary documents for 1994, this number was raised to eleven.

The Group may invite non-member States concerned in the Group's activities to designate a specialist for the purpose of consultation.

The Group may call on the services of consultants.

- ii. In addition to the bodies mentioned in paragraph 4 above, the following organisations may also send a representative, without the right to vote or defrayal of expenses, to meetings of the Group:

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)
- European Association for Population Studies (EAPS).

6. Working structures and methods:

The Group of Specialists will be chaired by Mr Werner Haug (Switzerland). At its first meeting, it will appoint a Vice-Chairperson.

7. Duration:

The terms of reference of the Group will expire on 31 December 1996.

8. Other Committees to be informed of the terms of reference:

CDMG, CAHLI, CDDH, CAHMIN.