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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 515th meeting  
of the Ministers' Deputies  
(June 1994)**

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**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
NATIONAL MINORITIES (CAHMIN)  
Current state of its work  
(CM(94)99)**

**Decisions**

**The Deputies**

1. adopted the Message from the Committee of Ministers to the Ad hoc Committee for the Protection of National Minorities (CAHMIN), as it appears at Appendix .. to the present volume of decisions;
2. instructed its Bureau to deliver the said Message to the CAHMIN on 27 June 1994, the first day of the 5th meeting of the latter (27 June-1 July 1994).
3. invited all member States of the Council of Europe to be guided by the Message addressed by the Committee of Ministers to the CAHMIN on the occasion of the 5th meeting of the latter and to give the necessary instructions to their experts in order that the amendments submitted to the draft framework Convention be limited to the strict minimum. To this end, it would be highly desirable to establish bilateral contacts in order to find compromise solutions in respect of the articles of the draft framework Convention causing problems.

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**APPENDIX ..**  
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**DRAFT 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 .. June 1994  
at the 515th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers wishes to call again the CAHMIN's attention to the fact that in the Final Communiqué of the 94th Session of The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe the Ministers reaffirmed their determination to see the conclusion, within prescribed deadlines, of a framework Convention and of 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.

The Committee of Ministers further recalls that the draft framework Convention that the CAHMIN is called upon to prepare, according to its terms of reference (Decision N° CM/575/041193), should contain principles and objectives and therefore should not include provisions that are too detailed, also bearing in mind the implementation of the obligations contained in the said framework Convention.

The Committee of Ministers informs the CAHMIN of its wish to be able to open the framework Convention for signature on the occasion of the 95th Ministerial Session (10 November 1994).

Accordingly the Committee of Ministers invites the CAHMIN to take account of the foregoing and to submit to it a draft framework Convention within the prescribed deadline (30 June 1994).

The Committee of Ministers further invites the CAHMIN to take the necessary steps in order to respect, within the prescribed deadlines, the terms of reference which have been given to it regarding the elaboration of a draft Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights.