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**FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON THE RESULTS OF THE 3<sup>ND</sup> MONITORING CYCLE  
OF THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
NATIONAL MINORITIES**

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**11 April 2013**

**Arbetsmarknadsdepartementet, Mäster Samuelsgatan 70  
Stockholm**

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**PROGRAMME**

The aim of this meeting is to take stock of progress made in the implementation of the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities by Sweden and to discuss the steps taken and/or foreseen to implement the recommendations contained in the Second Opinion of the Advisory Committee adopted in 2011.

Three main areas will be examined during this meeting, in the presence of the responsible authorities, minority associations, NGOs as well as experts in the field of minority rights.

- Institutional and legal framework
- Minority education
- Minority participation in decision-making

The language during the meeting will be Swedish.

## THURSDAY, 11 APRIL 2013

**09:30-10:00 Registration of participants**

Coffee and Sandwich

**10:00-10:15 Opening speeches**

Mr Erik Ullenhag, Minister for Integration, Ministry of Employment

Ms Athanasia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe

**Chair:** Ms Charlotta Wickman, Director of the Division for Discrimination Issues, Ministry of Employment

### GENERAL EVALUATION SESSION

**10:15-10:30 Main findings of the Advisory Committee's 3rd Opinion in respect of Sweden**

Mr Rainer Hofmann, former President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

**10:30-10:35 Comments on behalf of the Swedish Government**

Ms Charlotta Wickman, Director of the Division for Discrimination Issues, Ministry of Employment

**10:35-11:00 Comments and discussion**

Open floor

### THEME 1: INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

**11:00-11:10 Actions taken to improve the implementation of the Act on National Minorities and National Minority Languages**

Aina Negga and Ann-Marie Algemo, Sámi Parliament and County Administration of Stockholm

**11:10-11:20 General comments**

Maja Mella, Svenska Tornedalingars Riksförbund, Tornionlaaksolaiset  
Kaisa Syrjänen Schaal, Svenska kyrkan

**11:20-11:45 Comments and discussion on the topic**

Open floor

**11:45-12:00 Break**

Coffee and Sandwich

## THEME 2: MINORITY EDUCATION

- 12:00-12:10**    **Comments on behalf of the Swedish Government**  
Erik Hellström, head of section, Ministry of Education and Research
- 12:10-12:20**    **General comments**  
Leena Huss, Uppsala universitet  
Isak Utsi, Sáminuorra
- 12:20-12:45**    **Comments and discussion on the topic**  
Open floor

## THEME 3: PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES

- 12:45-12:55**    **The annual Follow-up Report 2012 regarding influence and participation on local and national level**  
Aina Negga and Ann-Marie Algemo, Sámi Parliament and County Administration of Stockholm
- 12:55-13:05**    **General comments**  
Stefano Kuzhiov, Riksförbundet Romer i Europa  
Raija Kärkkäinen Eriksson, Sverigefinska Riksförbundet
- 13:05-13:30**    **Comments and discussion on the topic**  
Open floor

## CONCLUDING SESSION

- 13:30-13:40**    **Conclusion and comments**  
Open floor
- 13:40-14:00**    Mr Rainer Hofmann, former President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities  
  
Ms Charlotta Wickman, Director of the Division for Discrimination Issues, Ministry of Employment
- 14:00-14:30**    **Lunch**