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Committee on Human Rights of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania;

Department of International and European Union Law, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University

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Constitution Hall, Building III, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Chaired by: Prof Dr Saulius Katuoka, *Head of Department of International and European Union Law, Mykolas Romeris University*

9.00-10.00 REGISTRATION

Welcome Address

10.00-10.15 Arminas Lydeka, *Chairman, Committee on Human Rights*

Arunas Gelunas, *Minister of Culture*

Prof Dr Rima Ažubalyte, *Dean, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University*

Keynote Speeches

10.15-10.30 Ass Prof Sia Akermark Spiliopoulou, *Director of the Åland Islands Peace Institute, Member of the Advisory Committee¹, Council of Europe*

Education Rights of Persons Belonging to National Minorities

10.30.-10.45 Ass Prof Edita Žiobiene, *Children's Rights Ombudsman, Member of the Advisory Committee, Council of Europe*

Rights of Children Belonging to National Minorities

¹ Advisory Committee of Experts on the Framework Convention on National Minorities of the Council of Europe

10.45-11.00 **Charlotte Altenhoener-Dion**, *Secretariat of the Advisory Committee, Council of Europe*

Linguistic Rights of Persons Belonging to National Minorities

11.00-11.15 **Vitalijus Karakorskis**, *Member of the Council of National Communities. The Jewish community*

National Minorities and the Public Service Broadcaster

11.15.-11.30 **Adam Blaškevic**, *Representative of the Polish national community, Director of John Paul II High School*

Education System and Integration of National Minorities

11.30-11.45 **Stanislav Vidtmann**, *Vice Minister of Culture*

Main Aspects of the Policy on National Minorities in Lithuania

11.45-12.10 **Coffee Break**

Chaired by: Prof Dr Justinas Žilinskas, *Department of International and European Union Law, Mykolas Romeris University*

12.10-12.25 **Prof Dr Saulius Katuoka**, *Head of Department of International and European Union Law, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University*

National Minorities as a Subject of International Law

12.25-12.40 **Prof Dr Justinas Žilinskas**, *Department of International and European Union Law, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University*

National Minorities and International Humanitarian Law: in Search for Instruments of Protection

12.40-12.55 **Assoc. Prof. Laurynas Biekša**, *Department of International and European Union Law, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University*

Problems in Implementation of Prohibition of Incitement to National or Religious Hatred

12.55-14.00 **Lunch Break**

14.00-14.15 **Ass Prof Pavelas Ravluševicius**, *Department of International and European Union Law, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University*

National Minorities in the European Union Law: Application of the Non-discrimination Principle

14.15-14.30 Lecturer **Aiste Rackauskaite**, *Department of International and European Union Law, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University*

Use of Traditional Local Names, Street Names, and Other Topographical Indications in Minority Languages

14.30-14.45 Lecturer **Laima Vaige**, *Department of International and European Union Law, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University*

Multiple Discrimination of Women from National Minorities: the International Law Perspective

14.45-15.00 Lecturer **Kristina Vyšniauskaite-Radinskiene**, *Department of International and European Union Law, Law Faculty, Mykolas Romeris University*

Protection of National Minority Rights under the European Social Charter

15.00-15.15 Dr **Elżbieta Kuzborska**, *Lecturer, Vilnius Branch, Bialystok University*

The Bolzano/Bozen Recommendations on National Minorities in Inter-State Relations: Searching for a Consensus

15.15-15.30 Ass Prof **Regina Valutyte**, *Vice-Dean of the Law Faculty, Associate Professor at the Department of International and European Union Law, Mykolas Romeris University*

The Right of Persons Belonging to National Minorities to Manifest Their Religion or Creed

15.30-16.00 DISCUSSION

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