



NGO Meeting: Drawing up an NGO declaration on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

Strasbourg, 9 October 2008
Palais de l'Europe
Room 9
(9h00 – 13h00)

PROGRAMME

9:00 – 10:30 Consultations with relevant bodies within the European system of minority protection

Moderator: Ms Samia Liaquat Ali Khan, Minority Rights Group International

Mr Morten Kjærum, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Ms Lidija Basta-Fleiner, former First Vice-President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention

Ms Eva Konecna, Secretariat of the Framework Convention

11:00 - 13:00 NGO declaration on the impact of the FCNM and possible follow-up

Discussion led by Ms Snježana Bokulić, Minority Rights Group International

- Brief overview and concluding discussion on the draft declaration and the main points and recommendations made during the online consultation process;
- The Declaration as an advocacy tool – how to use it and engage in advocacy around it;
- Follow-up to the declaration – establishment of a European Minority Rights Coalition: its role and plans for future action.