



Strasbourg, 22 November 2013

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES**

**Round-table event to celebrate the 15th anniversary
of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities**

Strasbourg, 25 November 2013

(Venue: Council of Europe, Agora building, Room GO3)

PROGRAMME

- 8:30 – 9:15** **Registration of participants**
(Venue: GO3 meeting room foyer)
- 9:15** **Official Opening**
- Ms SAMARDŽIĆ-MARKOVIĆ, Snežana, Director General of Democracy - Directorate General II**
- Ms SPILIOPOULOU ÅKERMARK, Athanasia, President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (AC)**
- 9:30** **Key note address**
- 'Frameworks for diversity in our contemporary world'**
Mr EIDE, Asbjørn, Former President of the AC
- 10:00** **Responses to key note address**
- Mr HOFMANN, Rainer, Former President of the AC**
Mr PHILLIPS, Alan, Former President of the AC
- Brief discussion**
- 10:45** **Coffee**
(Venue: GO3 meeting room foyer)
- 11:00** **The Framework Convention and challenges to minority protection today**

I Panel: Perspectives from minority and NGO representatives

Chair: Ms CRICKLEY, Anastasia, Member of the AC

Mr CHAPMAN, Christopher, Head of Conflict Prevention, Minority Rights Group
Mr RUSTEM, Robert, Head of the Secretariat of the European Roma and Travellers Forum
Mr HICKS, Davyth, Head of EUROLANG, Vice President of the European Language Equality Network

Discussion

II Panel: Minority protection and the FCNM in the work of partner international organisations

Chair: Ms BASTA FLEINER, Lidija, Second Vice President of the AC

Ms THORS, Astrid, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
Mr KORKEAKIVI, Antti, Head of the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, UN OHCHR
Mr TOGGENBURG, Gabriel, Program Manager, EU Fundamental Rights Agency

Discussion

III Panel: Complementary reflections on selected issues of current relevance:

Ms ROTER, Petra, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia: Minority rights protection in the Western Balkans
Ms TOMASELLI, Alexandra, EURAC: Current challenges and protection of Indigenous Peoples' rights under the FCNM

Discussion

Conclusion by Ms SPILIOPOULOU ÅKERMARK, Athanasia, President of the AC

- 13:00** **Lunch**
(Venue: GO3 meeting room foyer)
- 14:00** **Practical issues related to the monitoring mechanism**
Introduction by Mr PALERMO Francesco, First Vice President of the AC

1. Co-operation with member states prior to the adoption of the Opinion

Contributions from state representatives and Advisory Committee members on related experiences such as the organisation of (joint) country visits or the preparation of the state reports, etc.

Questions and discussion

2. Co-operation with member states after the adoption of the Opinion

Contributions from state representatives and Advisory Committee members on related experiences such as the organisation of follow-up meetings, continued dialogue, the drafting of thematic commentaries, etc.

Questions and discussion

- 15:45** **Final conclusion**
- 16:00** **Cocktail reception**
(Venue: GO3 meeting room foyer)