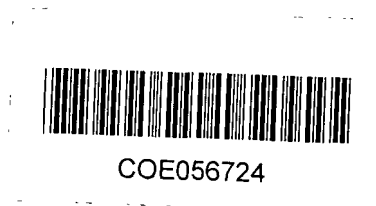


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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF
NATIONAL MINORITIES
(DH-MIN)**

**PROPOSALS BY THE EXPERTS OF THE DH-MIN ON THEMES THAT COULD BE
EXAMINED BY THE DH-MIN IN ITS FUTURE WORK**

**2nd meeting
26-28 October 2005**

Human Rights Building, Strasbourg
Directorate General of Human Rights Meeting Room (*Rez-de-Jardin*)

Background

As part of its 2004 mandate, the DH-MIN is entrusted, *inter alia*, with the following tasks:

- ii. *To carry out a reflection on transversal issues relevant to member states, drawing on the results of the monitoring mechanism of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and, where appropriate, the work of other bodies dealing with related issues and especially the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;*

At its 1st meeting held on 10-12 May 2005, the DH-MIN decided to invite States and observers to the Committee to submit to the Secretariat their proposals for themes/transversal issues to be included in the work plan of the DH-MIN.

Proposed themes received so far by the experts of the DH-MIN

The Secretariat has received the following proposal by **GERMANY**:

“Germany proposes that DH-MIN should deal with the collection, analysis and documentation of the legal standards in the electoral law and the law governing political parties at the central, regional and local levels which are specifically tailored to national minorities.”