

**Seminar with national specialised bodies to combat racism and racial discrimination on mediation and other forms of dispute resolution in cases of racism and racial discrimination**

**16-17 February 2006  
Strasbourg, Human Rights Building  
Salle de la Direction**

**PROGRAMME**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day - Moderator: Mr Michael HEAD, member of ECRI**

**SESSION 1: Setting the frame**

9:30	Welcome by Mr Michael HEAD, member of ECRI
9:35 – 9:55	Standards of ECRI and the Council of Europe for dispute resolution in cases of racism and racial discrimination, by Ms Isil GACHET, Executive Secretary to ECRI
9:55 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break

**SESSION 2: Dispute resolution through mediation – general principles**

10:45 – 11:00	Mediation: principles and practice - Presentation by Ms Siri KEMÉNY, Chair of the European Forum for Victim-Offender Mediation and Restorative Justice
11:00 – 11:15	Mediation and restorative justice for victims of racism and racial discrimination - Presentation by Ms Anne SALBERG, ACOR SOS Racisme
11:15 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break

**SESSION 3: Dispute resolution through MEDIATION – the role of national specialised bodies**

14:00 – 14:15	Dispute resolution through mediation by a national specialised body: the Irish example - Presentation by Ms Melanie PINE, Director of the Equality Tribunal (Ireland)
14:15 – 14:30	Dispute resolution through mediation by a national specialised body: the Belgium example - Presentation by Mr Johan OTTE, <i>Centre pour l'égalité des chances et la lutte contre le racisme</i> (Belgium)
14:30 – 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break

## **SESSION 4: Dispute resolution through a formal decision of a national specialised body**

16:00 – 16:15	Dispute resolution through a <u>non-binding</u> decision of a national specialised body - Presentation by Ms Mieke van der BURG, Vice-Chair of the Equal Treatment Commission (The Netherlands)
16:15 – 16:30	Dispute resolution through a <u>binding</u> decision of a national specialised body - Presentation by Mr Dezideriu GERGELY, member of the Steering Board of the National Council for Combating Discrimination (Romania)
16:30 – 17:30	Discussion
17.30 – 18.30	Reception

## **2nd Day - Moderator: Mr Marc LEYENBERGER, member of ECRI**

## **SESSION 5: Dispute resolution before the courts and other competent authorities**

9:30 – 9:45	The role of national specialised bodies in dispute resolution before the courts and other competent authorities - Presentation by Mr Anthony ROBINSON, Legal Director of Legal Services and Enforcement of the Commission for Racial Equality (United Kingdom)
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9:45 – 10:00	Strategic litigation: principles and practice - Presentation by Ms Isabelle CHOPIN, Deputy Director of the Migration Policy Group (MPG)
10:00 – 11:15	Discussion
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break

## **CLOSING SESSION**

11:30 – 11:45	Presentation of the main findings of the Seminar
11:45 – 13:00	Discussion and assessment of the different methods of dispute resolution in cases of racism and racial discrimination
13:00	Closing of the Seminar