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

ANNOTATED ORDER OF BUSINESS

**3rd meeting
8-10 March 2006**

***Hotel Aro Palace
Braşov, Romania***

WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2006

9:30 – 12:30

Item 1: **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

Item 2: **Preparatory work on a manual of good practices on “Consultative arrangements concerning national minorities”**

- Discussions of the conclusions of the Conference on consultative bodies of national minorities
- Discussions on the follow-up to be given to the work of the DH-MIN on this theme, including the possible outline of a manual of good practices on consultative arrangements concerning national minorities

Working documents :

Report on the consultation arrangements concerning national minorities prepared by Marc Weller, Director, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), (DH-MIN (2005)0011 final)

14:30 – 17:30

Item 4: **Examination of the theme “access of national minorities to print media”**

- Introduction of the recent trends in this field by Mr Günther Rautz, Senior Researcher at the European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano, Research Department "Minorities and Autonomies", Secretary General of MIDAS (Association of Daily Newspapers in Minority and Regional Languages)
- Followed by an exchange of views and discussions on DH-MIN future work on this theme

Item 3: **Examination of the specific regulations contained in electoral laws and the laws on political parties at national, regional and local levels that are of relevance for national minorities**

- Introduction by the Secretariat on the future steps that could be taken for the examination of this theme

Reference documents

Selected excerpts of the Opinions of the Advisory Committee and Comments by the Governments on this theme (DH-MIN(2006)001)

Information provided by DH-MIN members on this theme (DH-MIN (2006)002)

18:00 – 18:30

Organ concert at the Black Church (gothic monument of the 14th century, symbol of the German community and of the town).

THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2006

9:30 – 12:30

Item 5: **Examination of the theme “The impact of international non-discrimination norms relevant to Europe on the protection of national minorities”**

- Introduction of the theme by Mr Rainer Hofmann, Professor of International Law, University of Frankfurt
- Followed by an exchange of views and discussions on DH-MIN future work on this theme

Item 6: **Examination of the Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the promotion of the participation of minority young people and preparation of DH-MIN opinion on the said draft**

Working documents:

Draft opinion of the DH-MIN on the Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the promotion of the participation of minority young people (DH-MIN (2006)003)

Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the promotion of the participation of minority young people (GR-C(2005)21)

14:30 – 18:00

Item 8: **Election of the Vice-President of the DH-MIN**

Item 6: **(Continued)**

Item 7: ***Tour de table* on recent developments regarding national minorities, including as regards signatures and ratifications of Council of Europe treaties relating to the protection of national minorities**

- DH-MIN members are invited to make a short presentation on recent developments under this item. They may want to submit any supporting document relevant to their interventions

19:00 *Reception at the Cetate restaurant offered by Mr Mihai Razvan Ungureanu, Romanian Minister of Foreign Affairs*

FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2006

9:30-12:30

Item 9: Dates and place of the next meeting

- It is to be recalled that the DH-MIN has provisionally agreed to hold its fourth meeting in the period between 16 and 20 October 2006 in Strasbourg. The DH-MIN is invited to confirm the dates of its fourth meeting.

Item 10: Other business

including:

- Information by Mr Rein on the Hearing of the Sub-Committee on Rights on National Minorities of the Parliamentary Assembly on the ratification of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities by Council of Europe member States (Paris on 22 November 2005)

Item 11: Approval of the list of decisions adopted during the meeting