



Third cycle follow-up seminar on the implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

June 12, 2012

«Congress» Hotel, «Picasso» Hall

PROGRAM

09:30 – Registration of participants

10:00- **Welcoming** – **Mr. Vardan Astsatryan**, Head of the RA Government Staff Ethnic Minorities and Religious Affairs Department

Opening address

10:20-10:30- **Mr. Krzysztof Zyman**, Secretariat of the FCNM

First Session – General Assessment

Moderator – **Ms. Karine Soudjian**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of the Human Rights and Human Issues Division

10:30-11:00 – **Mr. Gjergj Sinani**, Expert, Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention of National Minorities, Presentation of the Third Opinion of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in respect of Armenia, adopted on October 14, 2010 and the CM Resolution on Armenia of 1 February, 2012

11:00-11:30- **Mr. Vardan Astsatryan**, Head of the RA Government Staff Ethnic Minorities and Religious Affairs Department, Comments of the Government of the RA on the implementation of the Third Opinion of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and the CM Resolution on Armenia of 1 February, 2012

11:30-12:00 – Coffee Break

12:00-13:00 – Discussion

13:00-14:00- Lunch

Second Session – Thematic Discussions

Moderator- Mr. Vardan Astsatryan, Head of the RA Government Staff Ethnic Minorities and Religious Affairs Department

Linguistic rights of persons belonging to national minorities

14:00-14:15- **Representative of the Ministry of Education and Science**

14:15-14:30 – **Representative of the National Statistic Service**

14:30-15:00 - **Mr. Krzysztof Zyman**, Secretariat of the FCNM, Thematic Commentary of the Advisory Committee No 3 “The language rights of persons belonging to national minorities under the Framework Convention. *The right balance between identity, preservation, full and effective equality and integration*” adopted on 24 May, 2012

15:00-15:30 – Questions and Answers

15:30-16:00 - Discussion and Conclusion