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Outline for state reports to be submitted under the sixth monitoring cycle of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

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General guidelines

1. Under Article 25, paragraph 2 of the Framework Convention, the states parties must each transmit to the Committee of Ministers, on a periodical basis and whenever the Committee of Ministers so requests, any information of relevance to the implementation of the Framework Convention. In accordance with Rule 23 of Resolution CM/Res(2019)49, the periodical basis for transmission of state reports is set at five years.¹
2. The preparation of the sixth state report serves to provide full information on the legislative and other measures taken to give effect to the recommendations made by the Committee of Ministers and the Advisory Committee under the last monitoring cycle and other measures to implement the Framework Convention, including follow-up meetings.
3. The state report should follow the outline set out below and be submitted in English or French as well as in the original language.
4. Reporting should cover the period from the adoption of the fifth cycle opinion until the transmission of the state report.
5. States are encouraged to publish state reports, opinions and Committee of Ministers resolutions on domestic websites in official and, if possible, national minority languages, and inform national minority representatives accordingly.
6. Minority representatives and other relevant stakeholders (e.g., regional and local levels of government, ombudspersons) should be effectively consulted in the preparation of the state report. Their statements may be appended to the state report.
7. It is essential that the report provide quantitative and qualitative data on national minorities covering the reporting period, disaggregated where applicable by national minority status or ethnic affiliation, language use, gender, age and geographical distribution. Such material, as well as relevant legislative and regulatory texts, should be provided in an appendix.

¹ For the text of the Framework Convention and other relevant documents, see www.coe.int/en/web/minorities/basic-texts.

8. In line with the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023,² states parties are encouraged to provide information on measures taken to achieve full and effective equality in society of women and girls belonging to national minorities.

Structure of state reports

I. Measures taken to raise awareness of the results of the fifth monitoring cycle and of the Framework Convention

1. On which website(s) have the fifth cycle opinion and the related Committee of Ministers Resolution been published and in which language(s), including minority languages? Please provide relevant links.
2. Which domestic follow-up activities were organised, including activities organised jointly with the Council of Europe, and what were their outcomes?
3. How were minority organisations and other non-governmental organisations involved in the preparation of the sixth state report?
4. Which other measures were taken to promote awareness of the Framework Convention among persons belonging to national minorities, public officials, local and regional authorities, and the general public?

II. Measures taken to improve the implementation of the Framework Convention and implement fifth cycle recommendations

Please indicate what measures have been taken by your authorities to implement Articles 3 to 18 of the Framework Convention, in accordance with the structure set out below:

<p>Article [...]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Legal, policy and practical measures taken to implement recommendations of the Committee of Ministers and the Advisory Committee related to this Article;2. Other relevant developments in legislation, policies and domestic case law and practical measures undertaken to implement this Article since the adoption of the fifth cycle opinion;3. Relevant data, statistics or any other information enabling an evaluation of the impact of these measures.

III. Specific questions

As part of the continuing dialogue with the Advisory Committee, states parties may be invited to provide answers to specific questions which may arise from specific national circumstances.

IV. Additional information

Please provide, in a separate document, the contact details of bodies or associations representing persons belonging to national minorities and/or promoting their rights. This document will not be published.

² See Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023, available at www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/gender-equality-strategy.