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Meeting report

79th meeting

Approved by the Advisory Committee on 5 June 2023

Opening of the meeting

The Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities held its 79th plenary meeting on 3 April 2023 online. Petra Roter, President of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee.

Adoption of the Agenda and Order of Business

The Agenda and Order of Business, as reproduced in Appendix I, were adopted without amendments.

Approval of the report of the 78th meeting of the Advisory Committee

Having examined the report of its 78th meeting, the Advisory Committee approved it as produced in document ACFC/MR(2023)1prov without amendments.

Report from the Bureau

The President informed the Advisory Committee about the presentation of two previously adopted opinions (Armenia and Italy) to the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GRH) on 28th March 2023. She also reported on the input she gave to the Group in view of the upcoming Summit of Heads of State and Government in Reykjavik in May 2023, in particular on the need for member states to recommit to protect minority rights as laid out in the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities.

Update by the Secretariat

The Secretariat informed the Advisory Committee about the latest developments in the Committee of Ministers, including the state of negotiations of resolutions, as well as about state reports received and experts elected to the list of experts eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee was also informed that the upcoming plenary meeting in October 2023 would be held in Graz, Austria.

Adoption of final opinions

In application of Rule 25 of Resolution CM/Res(2019)49, the Advisory Committee unanimously adopted the following opinions:

- Fourth Opinion on the Netherlands,
- Fifth Opinion on Romania.

Thematic work

The Advisory Committee took note of a presentation and workplan prepared by the Working Group on the revision of the Thematic Commentary on Education outlining the discussion they had in their first working group meeting in March, which dealt with the general approach and working methods. Importantly, the Working Group underlined the inclusive element of the work, which would involve all members of the Advisory Committee at different stages of the work.

Outline of 6th cycle opinions

The Advisory Committee adopted by consensus the outline for 6th cycle opinions.

Any other business

Alexandra Castro, Gender Equality Rapporteur gave a brief overview of the event she attended in Vienna on "Intersectionality of Gender and National Minorities", on 28 March 2023, hosted by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. The event focused on a study which had been prepared, and which invited discussion on three

main areas: the participation of national minority women in political and public life; national minority women's access to economic and social rights; and the participation of national minority women in peace and security. A fact sheet has been produced with the main problems affecting women in different age groups and with recommendations to promote equal opportunities for minority women, available on their website. More information can be found here: <https://www.osce.org/secretariat/540077>. The President asked that the Advisory Committee be further informed of this exchange in more detail at the next plenary meeting, as well as on the developments within the CDADI to be reported by Emma Lantschner.

Next meetings:

2023: 5 to 9 June 2023; 9 to 13 October 2023 (Graz).

2024: 5 to 9 February 2024; 27 to 31 May 2024.

The Advisory Committee approved the date of the 84th plenary meeting for 14-18 October 2024.

Appendix I – Agenda and Order of Business

Monday 3 April 2023

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| 14.00-14.15 | Opening of the meeting |
| | Adoption of the agenda & Order of Business |
| | Approval of the 77th meeting report |
| | Report from the Bureau |
| | Recent developments: Update by the Secretariat |
| 14.15 – 16.30 | Monitoring: reading and final adoption of the draft Fourth Opinion on the Netherlands |
| | Monitoring: reading and final adoption of the draft Fifth Opinion on Romania |
| 16.30 – 16.45 | Break |
| 16.45 – 17.30 | Exchange and adoption of 6 th cycle outline for opinions |
| | Exchange on thematic work on education |
| | Any other business |
| | List of decisions |
| | Closing of the meeting. |

Appendix II – List of participants

- Ordinary members:

Pedro AGUILERA CORTÉS (Spain)
 Alexandra CASTRO (Portugal)
 Laura CRĂCIUNEAN-TATU (Romania)
 Emilia DRUMEVA (Bulgaria)
 Tomáš HRUSTIČ (Slovak Republic)
 Emma LANTSCHNER (Italy) – First Vice-President
 Nicolas LEVRAT (Switzerland) – Second Vice-President
 Oliver LOODE (Estonia)
 Teymur MALIK-ASLANOV (Azerbaijan)
 Egly PANTELAKIS (Cyprus)
 Mārtiņš PĀPARINSKIS (Latvia)
 Mikko PUUMALAINEN (Finland)
 Petra ROTER (Slovenia) – President
 Harald Christian SCHEU (Czech Republic)
 David SMITH (United Kingdom)
 Nebojša VUČINIĆ (Montenegro)

- Additional member:

Bob DEEN (the Netherlands)

- Excused:

Jørgen MØLLEKÆR (Denmark)
 Klaus POIER (Austria)

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Elise CORNU, Executive Secretary and Head of the National Minorities and Minority Languages Division
 Lusine DRAMPYAN, Administrator
 Ben FREEMAN, Senior Project Officer
 Michaël GUET, Administrator, Policy Adviser
 Jörg HORN, Administrator, Policy Adviser
 Sandra VELOY MATEU, Senior Project Officer
 Agnes VON MARAVIĆ, Administrator, Policy Adviser
 Kristina DEDAJ, Administrative Assistant
 Snežana LALIČIĆ, Administrative Assistant