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Meeting report

73rd meeting

Approved by the Advisory Committee on 31 January 2022

Opening of the meeting

The Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (ACFC) held its 73rd meeting on 20, 22 and 27 October 2021 via videoconference. Marie B. HAGSGÅRD, President of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee.

Adoption of the Agenda and Order of Business

The Agenda and Order of Business, as reproduced in Appendix II, were adopted.

Approval of the report of the 72nd meeting of the Advisory Committee

Having examined the report of its 72nd meeting, the Advisory Committee approved it as reproduced in document ACFC/MR(2021)003final.

Approval of draft opinions

In application of Rule 37 of Resolution CM/Res(2019)49, the Advisory Committee unanimously approved the draft opinion on Norway and the draft opinion on the Slovak Republic on 27 October 2021, and decided to communicate these draft opinions to the authorities concerned and to invite them to provide written observations by 5 January 2022.

Any other business

The President informed the Committee about her participation on 25 October 2021 in the 9th annual meeting of the Secretary General with the Heads of Monitoring and Advisory Bodies of the Council of Europe, and mentioned working methods and practices of other monitoring committees which the Committee could consider to increase its impact and strengthen coordination with other Council of Europe bodies. As an example she mentioned the practice of GRETA publishing practical examples of how their work against trafficking has been implemented in the publication "Practical impact of GRETA's monitoring work" and their social media account which attracts more and more followers. She also informed the Committee of the letter she received on 18 October from the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities following up on the exchange of views of 6 October 2021.

The Advisory Committee confirmed the dates of the following plenary meetings:

- 74th plenary: 31 January-4 February 2022;
- 75th plenary: 16-20 May 2022;
- 76th plenary: 3-7 October 2022.

It agreed to save the dates of 7 February 2022 and 23 May 2022 as possible extra meeting days to be held online in case of need.

Appendix I – List of participants

Evis ALIMEHMETI (Albania)
 Alexei AVTONOMOV (Russian Federation)
 Goran BAŠIĆ (Serbia)
 Alexandra CASTRO (Portugal)
 Martin COLLINS (Ireland)
 Emilia DRUMEVA (Bulgaria)
 Melina GRIZO (North Macedonia)
 Aliona GROSSU (Moldova, Republic of) – First Vice-President
 Marie B. HAGSGÅRD (Sweden) - President
 Emma LANTSCHNER (Italy)
 Oliver LOODE (Estonia)
 Teymur MALIK-ASLANOV (Azerbaijan)
 Antonija PETRIČUŠIĆ (Croatia)
 Mikko PUUMALAINEN (Finland) – Second Vice-President
 Harald Christian SCHEU (Czech Republic)
 Nebojša VUČINIĆ (Montenegro)
 Petter WILLE (Norway)

Excused:

Arayik NAVOYAN (Armenia)

► Secretariat of the Council of Europe

Elise CORNU, Executive Secretary and Head of the National Minorities and Minority Languages Division
 Ben FREEMAN, Senior Project Officer
 Michaël GUET, Administrator, Policy Advisor
 Jörg HORN, Administrator, Policy Advisor
 Meyeti PAYET, Project Officer
 Agnes Von MARAVIĆ, Administrator, Policy Advisor
 Kristina DEDAJ, Administrative Assistant
 Katharina FOUQUET, Administrative Assistant
 Brigitte ZWICKERT, Administrative Assistant
 Shamil FARKHUTDINOV, Trainee

Appendix II – Agenda

Wednesday 20 October 2021

9.00 – 12.30	Introductory words Adoption of the agenda Approval of the 72 nd meeting report Monitoring: First reading of the draft opinion on Norway
12.30 – 14.00	Break
14.00 – 17.00	Monitoring: First reading of the draft opinion on Norway (cont'd) Composition of Working groups/Planning of visits

Friday 22 October 2021

9.00 – 12.30	Monitoring: First reading of the draft opinion on the Slovak Republic
12.30 – 14.00	Break
14.00 – 17.00	Monitoring: First reading of the draft opinion on the Slovak Republic (cont'd)

Wednesday 27 October 2021

9.00 – 13.00	Monitoring: Second reading and possible approval of the draft opinion on Norway
13.00 – 14.00	Break

14.00 – 19.00 Monitoring: Second reading and possible approval of the draft opinion on the Slovak Republic
 Any other business
 Closing words