

**FOLLOW-UP TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE 4th CYCLE OPINION OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK
CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES BY PORTUGAL**

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**AWARENESS-RAISING SESSION ON THE PROVISIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE
FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION
OF NATIONAL MINORITIES**

**Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Rua Prof. Gomes Teixeira, 2 – 5.º | 1399-022 Lisbon
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29 September 2020

FINAL AGENDA

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020 – MORNING SESSION

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9:00 - 9:30	<p>Welcoming and introductory remarks by Portuguese authorities, including major developments since the visit of the Advisory Committee to Portugal (28-31 May 2019)</p> <p>Mariana VIEIRA DA SILVA, Minister of State for the Presidency (tbc) Cláudia PEREIRA, Secretary of State for Integration and Migration</p>
9:30-10:15	<p>Chairperson: Maria José CASA NOVA, Observatory for Roma Communities Integration</p> <p>Summary of the conclusions and recommendations of the 4th cycle opinion of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities on Portugal¹ and clarifications in response to comments received from the Portuguese authorities²</p> <p>Marie HAGSGÅRD, Acting Chair of the Advisory Committee and member in respect of Sweden Michaël GUET, Secretariat of the Framework Convention, Council of Europe</p> <p>followed by a short session of questions and answers</p>
10:15-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:30	<p>Chairperson: Marie HAGSGÅRD, Acting Chair of the Advisory Committee/member in respect of Sweden</p> <p>Exchange with state authorities, and interlocutors met during the visit, including representatives of local authorities, equality bodies and (Roma) civil society about measures that could be taken in order to address the recommendations by the Committee of Ministers and the Advisory Committee</p> <p>➤ <i>During this session, priority will be given to recommendations for immediate and further action contained in Resolution of the Committee of Ministers CM/ResCMN(2020)6 on the implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities by Portugal.³ This session will also provide an opportunity for sharing good practices.</i></p>
12:30-13:00	<p>Conclusions</p> <p>Marie HAGSGÅRD, Acting Chair of the Advisory Committee and member in respect of Sweden Sónia PEREIRA, High Commissioner for Migration Bruno GONÇALVES, Letras Nómadas</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch

¹ Opinion adopted on 28 June 2019, published on 27 January 2020 in [English](#) and [French](#), with a summary in [Portuguese](#).

² Comments received from Portuguese authorities were published on 15 January 2020 and are available in [English](#) and [French](#)

³ The resolution, adopted on 17 June 2020, is available in [English](#) and [French](#), and its recommendations also in Portuguese.

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020 – AFTERNOON SESSION

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14:00-15:00	<p>Chairperson: Sónia MATOS, AMUCIP</p> <p>Introduction to the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, its provisions and principles, and examples of application in other Council of Europe member states</p> <p>Marie HAGSGÅRD, Acting Chair of the Advisory Committee and member in respect of Sweden Michaël GUET, Secretariat of the Framework Convention, Council of Europe</p> <p>followed by a short session of questions and answers</p>
15:00-16:30	<p>Chairperson: José REIS, Board Member of the High Commission for Migration</p> <p>Exchange with participants (questions and answers), including on possible expressions of interest to be covered in the future by the Framework Convention on an-article-by article basis</p> <p>Interventions from representatives of invited communities (Mirandese-speakers, religious communities, Brazilian and Afro Descendent communities, migrant communities, etc.)</p>
16:30-17:00	<p>Chairperson: Israel PARÓDIA – OPRE Student</p> <p>Conclusions</p> <p>Marie HAGSGÅRD, Acting Chair of the Advisory Committee and member in respect of Sweden Cláudia PEREIRA, Secretary of State for Integration and Migration</p>