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Monday, 2nd May 2022

Session 1: Opening Remarks

Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal	Secretary General of the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria
Kairat Abdrakhmanov	OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
Ilze Brands-Kehris	Assistant Secretary-General for Human
Arno Kompatscher	Governor of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen -South Tyrol
Fernand de Vareennes,	United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues
Chair: Anna-Mária Bíró,	Director, Tom Lantos Institute

Thematic Session 1: Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms and interpretations

Invited Speakers

Meena Varma (moderator)	Executive Director, International Dalit Solidarity Network and Chair, Council Members, Minority Rights Group International
Manfred Nowak	Secretary General, Global Campus of Human Rights
Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark	Director/Associate professor in international law, The Åland Islands Peace Institute
Loránt Vincze	Member of the European Parliament and President, Federal Union of European Nationalities
Inaciu Galan y Gonzalez	Professor, Consejeria De Educacion Y Ciencia De Asturias

List of participants who took the floor

1. Catalan National Assembly
2. Sashik Sultanyan
3. Assyrian Universal Alliance, Americas Chapter Inc.
4. International Council of Russian Compatriots
5. Youth Platform for Interethnic Solidarity
6. Spain
7. Social Justice Center
8. Plataforma per la Llengua

Thematic Session 2: Thematic Session 2: Implementation: Institutions, Mechanisms, Policies, and Programmes

Invited Speakers

Meena Varma (moderator)	Executive Director, International Dalit Solidarity Network and Chair, Council Members, Minority Rights Group International
Boriss Cilevičs	Member of Parliament of Latvia and Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Tihana Leko	Senior Advisor, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
Ali Hüseyinoğlu	Associate Professor and Vice Head, Balkan Research Institute, Trakya University
Jonathan Cohen	Executive Director, Conciliation Resources

List of participants who took the floor

1. Western Thrace Minority University Graduates Association
2. Plataforma per la Llengua
3. Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe
4. Jeroen Zandberg
5. Catalan National Assembly
6. Interregional association of Meskhetian Turks “Vatan”
7. Slava Balan
8. Hungary
9. Elçin Başol
10. Farkhat Ibragimov
11. Sashik Sultanyan
12. Social Justice Center

Tuesday, 3rd May 2022

Thematic Session 3: Thematic Session 3: Minority participation as a procedural and substantive right and process

Invited Speakers

Vello Pettai (Moderator)	Director, European Centre for Minority Issues
Jennifer Jackson-Preece	Associate Professor in Nationalism at the European institute, London School of Economics and Political Science
Anna-Mária Bíró	Director, Tom Lantos Institute
Corinne Lennox	Co-Director, Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London
Iulius Rostas	Visiting Professor at the National School of Political Studies and Administration (Bucharest)
Viktorina Akchurina	Senior Lecturer at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek

List of participants who took the floor

1. Constantinopolitan Society
2. Katia Arslan
3. Catalan National Assembly
4. Bratislava Policy Institute
5. Cultural Center of the Caucasus Yezidis
6. Crista Timeea Penzes
7. David Babaev
8. Austria Center for Ethnic Groups

Thematic Session 4: Moving Forward: Reforming the Protection and Implementation of the Minority Rights Framework

Invited Speakers

Vello Pettai (Moderator)	Director, European Centre for Minority Issues
Balázs Vizi	research professor, ELKH Centre for Social Sciences and associate professor of international law, Ludovika University of Public Service
Nurcan Kaya	human rights lawyer and researcher
Olena Vaidalovych	former Senior Minority Fellow, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and human rights lawyer
Farkhat Ibragimov	former Senior Minority Fellow, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Bishkek

List of participants who took the floor

1. NGO "Association of Roma Women "Voice of Romni"
2. European Language Equality Network
3. Minority Rights Group Europe
4. Fundació Josep Irla
5. Public Movement Multinational Georgia
6. Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe
7. UN Women Sub office in Osh, Kyrgyzstan
8. Catalan National Assembly
9. Bojan Brezigar
10. Hungary
11. Social Justice Center

12. Jeroen Zandberg
13. International Council of Russian Compatriots
14. Youth Platform for Interethnic Solidarity

Presentation of Recommendations

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Concluding Remarks

Fernand de Varennes	UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues
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