As to my presentation, I am going to offer a practitioner's view on the current state of affairs. I do not plan to have any PowerPoint, the more so it is rather cumbersome when speaking remotely.

I am going to speak about several aspects of the implementation of MR standards, in line with the guidelines we discussed last week, i.e. with regard to three aspects: a. institutions and mechanisms; b. policies, c. compliance (monitoring mechanisms, complaints and litigation, sanctions for violations). Briefly describe the effectiveness of the existing system, achievements, and gaps.

The first part of my presentation will be on the UN system, the conclusion: rather weak. It might be improved using the experience of regional frameworks and mechanisms.

The second part is about the regional (European) system which is more advanced both with regard to institutions, policies, and monitoring compliance. Here I am going to mention OSCE HCNM as a political and diplomatic mechanism based on conflict prevention, as well as Council of Europe mechanisms: FCNM with AC, the Language Charter with its Committee of Experts. Besides, I will briefly mention some other monitoring bodies which might be relevant for some aspects of minority protection (ECRI, CPT, the Venice Commission, etc), as well as some judgments of the ECtHR. I will also mention the main gaps in the European system, i.e. lack of justiciability.

Finally, I am going to mention a trend of “re-securitization” of minority issues (with the particularly disastrous impact of the "kin-state" military aggression), and offer some recommendations:

- elaboration of a specialized comprehensive legally binding instrument on minority protection at the UN level;  
- coordination of different expert monitoring mechanisms under different legal and political frameworks to ensure uniform interpretation of minority rights and avoid “forum shopping”;  
- promote “de-securitization” of minority protection.