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Monday, 6 May

Session 1: Opening Remarks

Fernand de Varennes	United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues
Livia Járóka	Vice-President of European Parliament
Lamberto Zannier	OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
Szabolcs Horváth	Member of Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
Vesna Crnić-Grotić	Chair, Committee of Experts European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
Birgit Van Hout	Regional Representative for Europe, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Louise Haxthausen	Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in Brussels
Anna-Mária Bíró (Chair)	Director, Tom Lantos Institute

Session 2: Human Rights and Minority Language Education

Invited Speakers

Ingvill Thorson Plesner (Moderator)	Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies
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Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark	Åland Islands Peace Institute
Robert Dunbar	University of Edinburgh
Aliona Grossu	Council of Europe - Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
Antonija Petričušić	University of Zagreb
Balázs Vízi	National University of Public Service and Hungarian Academy of Sciences

List of participants who took the floor

1. Federal Union of European Nationalities
2. MIDAS, Minority Dailies' Association
3. Austria
4. Chryso Hadjidemetriou
5. Tamazight Women's Movement
6. József Nagy Member of European Parliament
7. NGO Russian School of Estonia
8. Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF)
9. An Coimisinéir Teanga
10. National Council of the Hungarian Ethnic Minority, Serbia
11. Russian Community of Latvia, Citizens Advice Bureau Conscentia
12. YEN (Youth European Nationalities)
13. Andrea Bocskor Member of European Parliament
14. Marina Shupac former OHCHR Minority Fellow
15. Greece
16. Robert Phillipson
17. Kevre Breizh

Item 3: Public policy objectives and practices for education in minority languages

Invited Speakers

Neil Clarke (Moderator)	Minority Rights Group Europe
Timofey Agarin	Queen's University, Belfast
Davyth Hicks	European Language Equality Network
Roberta Medda-Windischer	Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC Research
Petra Roter	University of Ljubljana
Lajos Szilágyi	Transcarpathian Hungarian Pedagogical Association

List of participants who took the floor

1. European Centre for Minority Issues
2. Estonia
3. Latvian Human Rights Committee
4. Interregional Association of Meskhetian Turks "Vatan"
5. International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies
6. Mikó Imre Association for the Protection of Minority Rights
7. Armenia
8. Direction aux Affaires Savoisiennes
9. Sebastien Quenot on behalf of Jean-Guy Talamoni (President of the Assemblée di Corsica)
10. Tanja Novotni Golubić
11. Federal Lezghin national and Cultural Autonomy (FLNCA)
12. National Council of the Hungarian Ethnic Minority, Serbia
13. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
14. Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF)
15. Anti-Discrimination Centre Memorial
16. Kontseilua
17. Réseau des écoles Diwan

18. Austria
19. Tsakhur National Cultural Autonomy

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Item 4: Effective practices in teaching of and education in minority languages

Invited Speakers

Ralph Bunche (Moderator)	Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization
Pia Lane	Centre for Multilingualism in Society Across the Lifespan, University of Oslo
Anneli Sarhimaa	Northern European and Baltic languages and cultures, University of Mainz
Roland Ferkovics	Roma Education Fund
Tove Skutnabb-Kangas	(former professor) Åbo Akademi University
Paul Videsott	Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

List of participants who took the floor

1. Ried fan de Fryske Beweging/Council of the Frisian Movement
2. Institute for the Protection of Minority Rights
3. Tom Lantos Institute
4. Trieste United INGO Inc.
5. Association Dea Dia
6. Balkan Sunflowers Kosova
7. Tamazight Women's Movement
8. Direction aux Affaires Savoisiennes
9. Kenstroll Breizh
10. Arman/Aromanian Community from Romania
11. European Language Equality Network
12. Youth of European Nationalities
13. Júlia Kuczik

14. Henry Leperlier membre de l'Assemblée des Français de l'étranger
15. Cyprus
16. Réseau des écoles Diwan
17. Marina Shupac former OHCHR Minority Fellow

Item 5: Resources and management for the effective implementation of human rights obligations

Invited Speakers

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| Tawhida Ahmed (Moderator) | The City Law School, University of London |
| Michele Gazzola | School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences, Ulster University |
| Robert Phillipson | Department of Management, Society and Communication,
Copenhagen Business School |
| Ali Hüseyinoğlu | Balkan Research Institute, Trakya University |
| Tamás Kiss | Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities |
| Elżbieta Kuzborska | Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities |
| Bengt-Arne Wickström | Andrássy-University |

List of participants who took the floor

1. Council of Armâns
2. Latvia
3. Hungarian National Council of Transylvania
4. International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies
5. The Catalan National Assembly (ANC)
6. Estonia
7. Jeroen Zandberg
8. Pau Miserachs
9. Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization on behalf of Association KAD
10. Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF)
11. Tsakhur National Cultural Autonomy

12. Abhimanyu Sharma
13. Greece
14. Kevre Breizh
15. Tove Skutnabb-Kangas
16. Greece
17. Joint statement on behalf of the Network of OHCHR Minority Fellows

Concluding Remarks

Fernand de Varennes

UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues