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MEETING ON

**“REFLECTION ON THE DEFINITION OF
“MINORITY” –
THE CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT”**

**Strasbourg, 28 May 2004
(Council of Europe, Ground Floor, Room 16)**

PROGRAMME

9h30 – 12h 30
NON-CITIZENS AND MINORITY RIGHTS :
the current positions in the international community

- 9h30-9h40 Introduction
Professor Giorgio Malinverni
- 9h40-10h00 The position of the Venice Commission
Professor Franz Matscher
- 10h00-10h20 The experience of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
Professor Asbjørn Eide
- 10h20-10h40 The works of the Working Group on Minorities
Professor Asbjørn Eide
- 10h40-11h10 Coffee break
- 11h10-11h30 The experience of the Committee of Experts on the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
Mr Emyr Lewis
- 11h30-11h50 The position of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Ms Danielle Coin
- 11h50-12h10 The experience of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
Ms Dzenana Hadziomerovic
- 12h10-12h30 Discussion
- 12h30–14h00 Lunch break

14h00-16h00
NON-CITIZENS AND MINORITY RIGHTS:
perspectives

- 14h00-14h30 Citizenship requirement in the general definition vs. article-by-article approach: what practical difference?
Discussion
- 14h30-15h00 What rights for citizens only?
Discussion
- 15h00-15h20 Coffee break

15h20-15h40 A co-ordinated approach to minority issues
Mr Pieter Van Dijk

15h40-16h00 Conclusions and perspectives
Professor Giorgio Malinverni