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**ROUND TABLE ON
“NON-CITIZENS AND MINORITY RIGHTS”**

**16 June 2006
09.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.**

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

1. *Short introduction in the light of earlier exchanges of views organised by the Venice Commission in May 2004 and June 2005.*
2. *General discussion on:*
 - a) *Cultural rights (education, media, use of minority languages in public life);*
 - b) *Effective participation (right to vote and to stand for elections, consultation mechanisms, access to the civil service);*
 - c) *Full and effective equality, non-discrimination.*
3. *Identification, relevance and admissibility of criteria such as residency, numerical size, length of time on a given territory.*
4. *General human rights and core minority rights: distinct or interrelated sets of rights?*
5. *Conclusions.*