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**Programme** (*draft*)

**9:00-9:20 Opening session**

Prof. Henryk Malewski, President of the Association of Polish Academics in Lithuania and  
Dr. Elżbieta Kuzborska, Scientific Secretary of SNPL

Dr. Vida Montvydaite, Director of the Department of National Minorities under the Government of  
Lithuania (TBC)

Doc. dr. Galina Miškinienė, President of the Council of National Communities in Lithuania

**9:20-9:40 Introduction presentation**

Belen Rodriguez de Alba, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section of Office of the High  
Commissioner for Human Rights

“The United Nations' Minorities framework for the protection of minority languages”

**9:40-11:00 Part I** Moderator: Elżbieta Kuzborska

Prof. Dr. Francesco Palermo, President of the Council of Europe's Advisory Committee on the  
Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Director of the Institute for Studies  
on Federalism and Regionalism at the European Academy (EURAC) in Bolzano/Bozen, Senator of the  
Italian Senate

“Language rights as a litmus test for the future of minority protection”

Dr. Fernand de Varennes, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Université de Moncton in Canada,  
Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria in South Africa

“The Human Rights Dimension and Challenges of Linguistic Rights”

Prof. Lauri Hannikainen, University of Turku in Finland, former member of European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

“How serious violations of minorities’ linguistic rights in contemporary European states?”

11:00-11:15 *Discussion*

11:15-11:30 *Coffee break*

**11:30-12:50 Part II** Moderator: Fernand de Varennes

Dr. Ewa Chylinski, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)

“Language Rights in South Caucasus - Policies and Practice”

Dr. Łukasz Wardyn, “The protection of language rights from the perspective of EU”

Prof. Eduardo J. Ruiz Vieyetz, Dean of the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, University of Deusto (Bilbao) in Spain.

“The Spanish Mosaic: an asymmetrical recognition of minority languages”

Dr hab. Katarzyna Łasak, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk, Poland

“Language rights of minorities in Poland”

12:50-13:10 *Discussion*

13:10-13:50 *Coffee break and light lunch*

**13:50-14:50 Part III** Moderator: Doc. dr. Galina Miškinienė

Boriss Cilevics, Member of Latvian Parliament

“Language policies in Latvia: lessons for minority protection”

Dr. Elżbieta Kuzborska, “The protection of language rights of minorities in Lithuania”

Dr. Hanna Vasilevich, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)

“Linguistic diversity in Belarus”

14:50-15:10 *Discussion*

15:10-15:20 *Coffee break*

**15:20-16:20 Part IV** Moderator: (TBC)

Sergiu Constantin, researcher at the Institute for Minority Rights of the European Academy (EURAC) in Bolzano/Bozen.

“Linguistic Rights of National Minorities in Romania: Between Law in the Books and Law in Practice”

Dr. Milena Ingiełewicz-Citak, “Language rights in transition. The case of Cosovo”

Dr. Katarzyna Bogdziewicz-Miksza, Mykolas Romeris, Lithuania

“The importance of name in self-determination”

16:20-16:30 *Closing remarks: Elżbieta Kuzborska, Galina Miškinienė*

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