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Domestic Protection Of Human Rights Strengthening Independent National Structures

5th Round Table

of National Human Rights Institutions, Ombudsmen
and the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Dublin, 16-17 September 2008

P R O G R A M M E

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2008

MORNING PLENARY

Opening Addresses

Dr Maurice MANNING, President of the Irish Human Rights Commission

Mr Thomas HAMMARBERG, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

10.10 **Session 1 Partners in Protection: Perspectives of Council of Europe, United Nations and EU Fundamental Rights Agency on the role of NHRIs**

Chair Mr Michael O'BOYLE, Deputy Registrar, European Court of Human Rights

Speakers

Mr Markus JAEGER, Deputy Director, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

Mr Gianni MAGAZZENI, Co-ordinator, National Human Rights Institutions Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations

Mr Morten KJAERUM, Director, European Union Fundamental Rights Agency

11.30-12.30 Discussion

AFTERNOON PLENARY

14.00 **Session 2 Legislation, Redress, Awareness and Education: Successes and Challenges for National Human Rights Structures in Europe**

Impacting Legislation

Chair Mr Éamonn MAC AODHA, Chief Executive, Irish Human Rights Commission

Speakers

Professor Alan MILLER, Chairperson, Scottish Human Rights Commission

- Presentation of general approach from the perspective of a newly formed NHRI

Mr Kostis PAPAIOANNOU, Chairperson, Greek National Commission for Human Rights,

- Presentation of a case-study

Dr Kevin MCNAMARA, KSG, former Labour MP, former member of the UK Joint Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Legal Affairs Committee, Visiting Fellow at the University of Liverpool

- Parliamentary Viewpoint

14.45 Discussion

16.15 **Achieving Effective Redress**

Chair Ms Jennifer LYNCH, QC, Chair, International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions and Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission

Speakers

Mr Des HOGAN, Director of Enquiry, Legal Services and Administration, Irish Human Rights Commission,

- Presentation of general approach

Mr Sozar SUBARI, Public Defender, Georgia

- Presentation of a case-study

16.45 Discussion

17.45 Close

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2008

MORNING PLENARY

09.10 **Key-Note Address**

Professor Michael O'FLAHERTY, Professor of Applied Human Rights and Co-director of the Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham, Member of the UN Human Rights Committee

09.40 **Promoting Awareness and Education**

Chair Professor Colin HARVEY, Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Speakers

Ms Nataša KUZMIČ, Head of Public Relations, Human Rights Ombudsman, Slovenia

- Presentation on Awareness Raising Campaigns

Dr Anette FAYE JACOBSEN, Chief Analyst, Danish Institute for Human Rights

- Presentation on Human Rights Education Initiatives

10.10 Discussion

11.30 **Session 3 Cooperation with the Council of Europe Mechanisms**

Ms Françoise KEMPF, Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Directorate of Monitoring, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

Ms Irene KITSOU-MILONAS, Head of the Legal Unit, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

12.30 **Key Outcomes of Roundtable**

Mr Henrikas MICKEVIČIUS, Director, Lithuanian Human Rights Monitoring Institute

12.50 **Closing Remarks**

Dr Maurice MANNING, President of the Irish Human Rights Commission